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Presidential Address

To the 149th International Convention of the Theosophical Society (TS)
(*In-person & on Zoom from 31 December 2024 to 4 January 2025*)

I AM happy to warmly welcome all the delegates here at Adyar and those online around the world to open this 149th International Convention with us. I wish you a fruitful and inspiring time during the Convention programs and related events on our campus. Let us now turn to those Great Ones whose compassionate care and blessings our Society has enjoyed for all these years. Please rise:

May those who are the embodiments of Love Immortal
bless with their help and guidance this Society,
founded to be a channel for their work.
May They inspire it with their Wisdom, strengthen it
with their Power, and energize it with their activity.

It is a pleasure to open this 149th Annual Convention of the TS.

This year the Theosophical Society (TS) will celebrate its 150th anniversary since its founding. Although it is only in recent years that a formal Mission Statement was developed — "service to humanity" along the TS's specific lines has been the goal of all activities. The role of those of us privileged to live and work here at the Adyar headquarters has been to establish this place, called by Annie Besant "The Masters' Home", as a radiant example of important possibilities. We try to function as a laboratory for transformation — individual and societal. In all that we do our focus is on elevating the functioning of this organization in our attempt to communicate the Ageless Wisdom, the process of spiritual self-transformation, and the unity of all life.

The TS has never been a large organization, but the power that brought it into being and continues to maintain it has made it possible to profoundly impact global culture. In the well-known words of anthropologist, Margaret Mead, "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful people can change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."

Anything truly important, worthy of a full commitment of one's efforts, is long-term and cannot be fully realized in one's lifetime. As with those who came before us, our continuing attempts to refine the effectiveness and sustainability of the work we do here will be our gift to an as yet undefined future, certainly full of challenges, but nourished by the seeds we are planting now.

Adyar is an extremely active centre, so it will not be possible to list the many accomplishments of our various departments. The TS's first president, H. S. Olcott,

made a priority of the Library and the Gardens — knowledge and beauty. This year we can begin our report with these two.

Under the leadership of Swami Chitghanananda, who has spearheaded the digitization process since its beginning, the **Adyar Library and Research Centre (ALRC)** has moved to the Koha software platform. Koha is an open-source integrated library system (ILS), used worldwide by public, school and special libraries, but also in some larger academic libraries. The digitization of our 45,000 palm-leaf manuscripts continues under his direction. The Library has been revitalized under the cooperative leadership of Librarian, Jaishree Kannan; Director, Dr Radha Ragunathan; and Swamiji. A Sanskrit beginners' course for staff and residents has been introduced by Dr Radha Raghunathan. The course has a dual intention: to heighten awareness of the richness of Sanskrit, and to train Library staff to a higher competency in working with the palm-leaf manuscripts. The monthly "Libraries as Communities" programme continues to draw readers and visitors.

The TS Adyar campus is described as one of the two "Lungs of Chennai" for the effects of its green space. The **Adyar Eco-Development** (AED) project aims to harness the deep natural and spiritual energy of the TS campus to inspire community wellness, ecological consciousness and a lasting collective movement towards living sustainably in harmony with Nature. The long-term aim is modeling, educating, inspiring and sustaining community action to restore our shared environment. A **Blue Green Centre** is being established in the Olcott Bungalow which will be a knowledge repository and training centre and a part of the Blue Green Network, offering students, community members and partners opportunities to learn, collaborate and conduct research in ecological restoration.

The **Olcott Memorial Higher Secondary School** (OMHSS) is a full-fledged school with students from KG to Grade 12, founded in 1894. Now in its 130th year, it caters to underprivileged children and first-generation learners of the community. Under the leadership of school Director Sashikala Sriram and Principal Lalitha Rajamani, the school has upgraded and empowered its teachers. The students are taught to face challenges and achieve success in whatever field they are pursuing. Through the generosity of an individual donor an entirely new, first-class building with six classrooms has been constructed. Another is scheduled for this year. Also, in conjunction with AED, a Blue Green Centre, a dedicated building for environment and ecological education, is being built. The Olcott School is planned as the hub for community-based eco-education.

The **Adyar Theosophical Academy (**ATA) marked its sixth academic year since its founding with notable progress in holistic education, infrastructure, and student engagement, currently catering to 201 students from Nursery to Grade 7. As the physical requirements for its expanding number of classes grows, a beauti-

ful suite of new classrooms was established by repurposing space in the nearby Vasanta Press building. Construction work has already begun on what will be the school's entirely new campus in the "Kirby Gardens" portion of the TS campus.

Under the direction of Erica Georgiades, the **School of the Wisdom** (SOW) has become a global activity of the TS. During the course of the year, five on-campus courses were offered, and an expanded selection of online classes, including five courses in English and three in Spanish. More than 500 members participated.

There is a line item in our accounting books titled "**Lily's Projects**". Over the years Sections and members around the world have made significant donations for a range of projects initiated and overseen by my wife, Lily Boyd, such as providing new sewing machines for the Vocational Training Centre, reopening and outfitting the hostel for OMHSS boys, renovation of the Ponniamman Temple near the main gate, and others. This year with the assistance of TS New Zealand she installed the pathway leading to the Adyar Theatre, a new playground for the kids at our Social Welfare Centre, and a renovation of the Liberal Catholic Church.

The **Art Conservation Project & Blavatsky Museum** at Adyar has works from artists around the world. Currently our conservation project is focused on around 100 works primarily derived from the modern Indian art movement propelled by the Bengal School, Tamilian painters, and the portrait paintings of the acclaimed Australian painter, Florence Ada Fuller. The restoration of the painting collection within TS Adyar is set to be a catalyst to revive the interest in art in the theosophical community while inspiring artists to visit and create artwork on campus. This project not only showcases the cultural and spiritual contribution of the TS to art in India, but also preserves the cultural heritage of the TS and India. Theosophy has had a historical influence on the evolution of new artistic movements. On one hand, *Thought Forms* (1905), a book co-authored by Annie Besant and Charles W. Leadbeater, anticipated all the 20th century abstraction movements in the West. On the other hand, TS in Adyar had significant exchanges with the modern Indian art movements that unfolded in the first half of the twentieth century through the efforts of its members.

The **Besant Memorial Animal Dispensary** (BMAD) continues to grow annually, treating over 20,000 outpatient cases, performing 400+ major surgeries, and conducting 2,500+ animal birth control procedures each year. The shelter admits over 900 critical inpatients, including road accident victims, abandoned animals, and those with severe illnesses like cancer. This year marked the expansion of its diagnostic facilities with a new biochemistry machine and the transformation of the old Scouts' camp into a wildlife unit for injured urban wildlife, complete with enclosures, a surgery unit, and treatment areas. BMAD's efforts

have been recognized by the Animal Welfare Board of India and the Tamil Nadu State Board for Animal Welfare. Led by its Director Shravan Krishnan BMAD has become the foremost centre of its type in Southern India.

The work of many people and departments make it possible for the seamless function of the Convention. Most of it takes place in the background. I thank all of our departments, staff, and volunteers for making this event possible.

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In the **AMERICAS,** the TS in **Central America** has one Lodge and one study centre. This year, the study focused on *The Masters and the Path* by C. W. Leadbeater, exploring the teachings on the role of spiritual masters and their influence on the path of discipleship. Additionally, an introductory course on Theosophy, based on HPB's *The Key to Theosophy* was offered through the Google Meet app, providing participants with a comprehensive overview of theosophical principles and teachings.

The TS in **Argentina** remained focused on the Lodges' fulfillment of the Three Objects, emphasizing the unique value of face-to-face meetings. Over the year, eight books were edited and printed in Spanish, including works by N. Sri Ram, H. P. Blavatsky, and Annie Besant, while three titles were re-edited, such as *Evolution of the Higher Consciousness* by Pablo Sender. The Society's YouTube channel expanded to 472 videos with over 4,500 subscribers, and a national virtual course was introduced in areas without Lodges. Two major events took place at the San Rafael Theosophical Centre: the 57th Summer School in February, focused on "Anthropogenesis", with 76 attendees, and the Winter School in July on "Karma". Additionally, in October a weekend program titled "Searching for the Meaning of Life" was held in San Lorenzo, engaging members from various regions in deep study and reflection on *The Mahatma Letters to A. P. Sinnett*.

The TS in **Bolivia** focused on strengthening fraternal bonds, studying core texts, and expanding outreach. The Society now has six branches in La Paz and Cochabamba, and centres in Santa Cruz, Tarija, and Oruro. Several study groups met regularly to discuss texts like *Meditations on the Occult Life*, *Human Regeneration*, *Self-Culture*, and *The Secret Doctrine*. National workshops and lectures covered a wide range of topics, including karma, the divine plan, and life after death. Key events included a national workshop on *The Voice of the Silence*, and workshops on "Change and Regeneration", as well as visits from prominent international speakers like Enrique Reig and Isaac Jauli. Additionally, yoga classes were offered, and the Dora Crespo Occult Library is in the process of being digitized for international access. Public talks and introductory courses were also part of the outreach efforts, helping to engage new members and the wider community in Theosophy.

Throughout this period, the TS in **Brazil** modernized its online presence by redesigning its website and enhancing its social media platforms. A new video production department enabled the creation of engaging and visually refined content. Two major events marked this period: the 43rd Summer School, themed "The Meaning of Life and the Art of Living" held in Chapada dos Guimarães, and the 30th International School and Winter Seminar, focused on "Theosophical Education and Spiritual Transformation" at the Theosophical Institute of Brasília, drawing significant participation both onsite and online. Weekly online study groups continued to explore works like *The Key to Theosophy*, *The Mahatma Letters*, and *The Secret Doctrine*, fostering deep engagement among members. The TS further advanced its mission through a comprehensive program of hybrid and online studies, meditation sessions, public lectures, and specialized courses, such as the second "Online Introduction to Theosophical Thought" course. The "Pedagogy of Self-Transformation" course advanced the Theosophical Schools in Brazil Project, preparing for the country's first one in 2025. The Besant Educational Association introduced a hybrid edition of its Classical Yoga Teacher Training Course, while the TOS launched humanitarian initiatives and projects promoting vegetarianism. Additionally, the TPH celebrated a productive year, releasing new titles and planning future publications. Centers like the Raja Theosophical Center focused on infrastructure and member recruitment, while international efforts emphasized Theosophy's expansion in Russia and Africa, and global unity. These initiatives underscore the Society's dedication to spiritual education, service, and outreach.

In **Canada,** the CTA continued its biweekly meetings, primarily focused on the seminars by Pablo and Michele Sender, with Pablo joining the final Zoom session for a recap and Q&A. The organization enhanced its online presence through its website, Facebook, and YouTube, hiring an expert to optimize results. The CTA fostered connections with unaffiliated lodges in Toronto and Vancouver, inviting them to the 2025 World Congress, and celebrated the chartering of a new Lodge in Calgary, bringing the total to six. Across Canada, members studied a range of theosophical texts, including *The Secret Doctrine*, the *Bhagavadgitā*, and works by I. K. Taimni, Pablo Sender, and Annie Besant.

The TS in **Chile** conducted its activities during the year ending 30 September 2024 under the motto "Practical Brotherhood: A Path to Peace". Public events included six lectures and introductory courses on Theosophy, both in-person and online, resulting in increased engagement and twelve new members. Lodges such as Arundhati, Amor, and Santiago held regular meetings, focusing on texts like *The Key to Theosophy* by H. P. Blavatsky and *The Science of Yoga* by I. K. Taimni, along with hosting public lectures. The Education Department, led by Ana Gloria Bustos, organized work-

shops, study groups, and a public lecture series, with notable attendance. Efforts to digitize the library and remodel its space were supported by generous donations of equipment and books. A new regional study group was established following online courses for participants outside the capital, and promotion via social media platforms further broadened outreach.

The **Colombian** Section actively engaged in both virtual and in-person activities across its Lodges. Spinoza, Sol (Ecuador), and Luz Lodges operated exclusively online, while Arco Iris Lodge combined formats, attracting members from Argentina and Spain, and Medellín Lodge hosted in-person sessions. Efforts to expand study groups focused on Bogotá and extended to Medellín, Pasto, Palmira, and Ecuador via virtual platforms. Key studies included *The Secret Doctrine*, *The Key to Theosophy*, and I. K. Taimni's *Man, God and the Universe*, fostering comparative exploration of theosophical themes. Plans are underway to reactivate the Brahma Vidya School and Theosophical Dissemination Fund in 2024, including introductory courses and expanded outreach. The group, "Encounters with Krishnamurti", continued virtually, with support for in-person meetings at the headquarters. The magazine *Selección Teosófica* was distributed virtually, promoting comparative studies and aiming for future physical editions. Catalina Isaza Cantor and Armando Motta Zapata played key roles in international and regional theosophical activities, contributing to lectures, workshops, publications, and youth initiatives. The Society advanced its mission through sustained efforts in dissemination and study on local, national, and international levels.

The activities of the TS in **Costa Rica** during the year showcased dedication to study, teaching, and fraternity despite challenges. The Virya Lodge celebrated 120 years of continuous work, held 46 sessions (14 virtual), and continued studying key texts such as *The Key to Theosophy* and *The Seven Schools of Yoga*. The Shakti Lodge conducted a 10-week "Introductory Course to Theosophy" on *The Key to Theosophy* and fundamental teachings. Dharma Lodge focused on the study of texts like *Light on the Path* and *At the Feet of the Master*, alongside community-building activities, like an excursion. Helena Blavatsky Lodge studied works by H. P. Blavatsky and others, emphasizing topics like "Anthropogenesis" and "The *Pāramitā-s*", and hosted study sessions for *The Mahatma Letters*. Special celebrations such as Annie Besant Day, Founders Day, and White Lotus Day were organized collaboratively with Lodges. The Presidential Agency facilitated events like the Winter School on self-transformation and study groups exploring practical applications of theosophical teachings. Despite membership decrease, the Lodges maintained stability and worked to foster fraternity, while emphasizing the process of self-transformation and Theosophical dissemination.

Due to very serious social and economic crisis in **Cuba**, the Cuban Section

has been undergoing many difficulties to perform its duties and work.

The Atma Lodge of the TS in the **Dominican Republic** celebrated significant events, including White Lotus Day and the initiation of new members, while participating in activities with the Inter-American Theosophical Federation. Courses such as "Theosophy for All", workshops on myths and consciousness, and the ongoing study of the "Compendium of *The Secret Doctrine*" were highlights. Notable seminars like "Internal Life" and lectures by Dr Isaac Jauli and others focused on self-knowledge, meditation, and theosophical teachings. Weekly healing rituals, the study of key theosophical texts, and collaborative efforts with Nueva Aurora Lodge advanced their mission to explore and disseminate theosophy. The Nueva Aurora Lodge complemented these efforts with their study of Ernest Wood's *The Seven Rays* and Geoffrey A. Barborka's *The Divine Plan*, alongside monthly talks and weekly gatherings to promote theosophical studies. With 24 active members, they continued to collaborate on virtual and in person initiatives to broaden the reach of their teachings.

The **Mexican** Section operates through Lodges and Study centers both in-person and via Zoom, enabling participation across the country and beyond due to Mexico's large geographical size and the limited number of centers. These Lodges focus on various topics, including *The Secret Doctrine* (facilitated by the Lodges Damodar, Morya, and HPB), *The Bhagavadgitā*, *Evolution of Higher Consciousness* by Aura, *The Ocean of Theosophy* by Jantepusi, and various esoteric studies by Tonanzi, Shiva, and Luz de Oriente. Despite challenges such as health issues among members and leaders, activities have continued, including weekly theosophical talks, a workshop on "Karma and Relationships" led by Dr Isaac Jauli, and the "School of Theosophy" in October 2023 on "The Nature of the Mind", facilitated by Mexican speakers. These events were recorded and shared on platforms like YouTube and Facebook. Communication is maintained through multiple channels, with special recognition to the OTS in Mexico, for its contributions.

The TS in **Puerto Rico** focused on reviving physical attendance at Sunday conferences, organizing events like Founders Day, Adyar Day, and White Lotus Day, and hosting a workshop on "Evolution of the Higher Consciousness". Efforts were made to improve facilities, including reorganizing the library and repainting. Despite challenges in regaining post-pandemic participation, both regions are progressively fostering in-person engagement. Study lodges have shown satisfactory results, and there is ongoing collaboration between the two centres. Additionally, the Society is supporting the establishment of a new Lodge in Quetzal-tenango, Guatemala, with the hope of expanding its mission in Central America.

The past year for the TS in **Uruguay** was marked by a gradual return to normality, prompting reflections on

potential post-pandemic approaches to study and outreach. Activities included a return to foundational studies such as *Karma* and *Dharma,* both by Annie Besant, Blavatsky's *The Voice of the Silence*, and the initiation of Rudolf Steiner's *The Wisdom of Fairy Tales*. A Chi Kung Master resumed in-person classes open to members and sympathizers. The Society also engaged with conferences and courses from Spanish-speaking Sections, reinforcing its theosophical studies and out-reach efforts.

The TS in **United States of America** (TSA) had a productive year, highlighted by its successful Summer National Convention with a record 239 attendees and a new extended program format. The TSA terminated its relationship with Far Horizons camp and the closure of the Ozark Theosophical Camp. Despite this, significant progress was made at Olcott headquarters, such as becoming a level II arboretum after planting 50 trees and completing various infrastructure upgrades. The TSA's various departments achieved notable milestones: the Archives expanded their collections and continued digitization projects, while the Audio-visual Department produced 178 new online programs. IT enhanced the organization's digital infrastructure, and the National Secretary initiated new membership programs, increasing engagement through classes and study centres. Departments like Maintenance, Marketing, and Public Programs expanded outreach and activities, including hosting a hybrid Summer National Convention and the popular TheosoFest, attended by about 3,000 people. Quest Bookshop saw growth in revenue and services, while *Quest* magazine maintained its high-quality publication standards. The Theosophical Publishing House transitioned its Quest Books imprint to Red Wheel/ Weiser, focusing on core theosophical publications. Supporting departments, such as Accounting, Housekeeping, and Information, ensured smooth operations, while the dedicated staff contributed significantly to TSA's mission. The TSA remains committed to advancing Theosophy through unity and compassion.

In **Venezuela,** the TS celebrated the 146th Foundation Day on 20 November 2022, and White Lotus Day on 26 May 2023. The Blavatsky and Fraternity Lodges meet every Sunday from 11 am to 1 pm, maintaining the same schedule for efficient use of space and time. During the year, members studied *A los pies del maestro* (*At the Feet of the Master*), *La voz del silencio* (*The Voice of the Silence*), and *Luz en el sendero* (*Light on the Path*). Efforts focused on spreading theosophical thought, including an exchange with the Sao Paulo brothers. On 23 August 2023, Juan Carlos Sanchez presented a master conference, "*The* Theosophical Society*:* Two Centuries of Evolution", at the Pythagorean Lodge in Sao Paulo, Brazil. Weekly meetings also include collective meditations for world peace, fostering fraternity and philosophical study.

In the **ASIA-PACIFIC** region, the **East and Southeast Asia** Presidential

Agency reported steady growth for the year ending 30 September 2024, primarily due to the remarkable expansion of the Chinese Project Team under the Singapore Lodge. While **Singapore** maintained a robust schedule of weekly Lodge meetings and study sessions, it also accommodated new Chinese Associate Members. **China** achieved a significant growth, with members now spanning 21 provinces and multiple regions, municipalities, and cities. Activities in China included monthly lectures, reading clubs, meditation sessions, daily blog publications, and the translation of ten theosophical books. This year also marked the first in-person meeting of the Chinese Project Team during the grand opening of Singapore's new premises. Malaysia, Japan, and Myanmar also contributed to the Agency's activities. The Selangor Lodge in **Malaysia** hosted regular talks, reading sessions, and meditation gatherings. In **Japan**, online study sessions were held three times a month alongside the publication of a quarterly newsletter, and the membership increased. No report was received from **Myanmar** due to ongoing turmoil. Despite regional challenges, the Agency continues to focus on outreach and theosophical education, leveraging technological advancements and collaborative efforts across countries to promote the Society's principles and teachings.

The TS in **Australia** experienced significant growth and revitalization in 2023–2024. Key highlights included a visit by me, speaking at the Australian Convention in Perth and touring several TS Lodges, energizing the community. The development of a National Strategic Plan aims to increase membership by 5% over the next three years, with a special focus on engaging young Theosophists. The national journal, *Theosophy in Australia*, underwent a redesign under new editor Walter Mason, and the Springbrook TS Education and Retreat Centre in Queensland appointed new managers to support its sustainable growth. Additionally, the Executive Committee appointed various committees, including those for Education, Finance, and the Retreat Centre, to better support the Section's ongoing activities. The National Headquarters and TS centres across Australia continued to thrive with volunteer support and new initiatives.

The January 2024 National Convention in Perth, themed "The Wisdom Traditions, The Great Teachers, The One Life", received positive feedback and set the stage for the 2025 Convention in Hobart. The Education and Training Committee continued to oversee programs such as the University Prizes in Perennial Philosophy, while the Campbell Library expanded its collection with key additions. Digital resources were enhanced through the Online Public Access Catalog and regular Zoom study sessions. Local Lodges and groups across Australia hosted diverse educational events, with highlights including a "Death Cafe" in Melbourne and meditation retreats in Brisbane. The TS in Australia remains dedicated to its mission of promoting spiritual understanding, supported by the commitment of volunteers and the broader community.

The TS in **India** achieved significant milestones during the year ending 30 September 2024. The most notable accomplishment was winning a long-standing legal battle regarding the ownership of a 17-acre property in Varanasi, a process initiated in 2018. This success, secured after overcoming legal and personal threats, reinstated the Indian Section's rightful claim to the land after 117 years. Membership growth was another highlight, with a net increase of 1,275 members, bringing the total to 13,506. The abolition of admission fees and annual dues contributed significantly to this growth. Online lectures on theosophical topics, including 103 sessions organized by Pradip Mahapatra, gained widespread participation. Additionally, the fourth "Dr Radha Burnier Award for the Theosophist of the Year" was presented to S. G. Sanath Kumar for his lifelong contributions to Theosophy.

The Section's infrastructural and administrative initiatives also progressed. A temple was completed near the Rohit Mehta Hostel, and work on an amphitheatre is underway. The Bharata Samaja Temple, made of marble, will be consecrated in October 2024. Additionally, land adjoining the ropeway station was leased, generating revenue, and a large property was leased for redevelopment with provisions for the Section's bookshop and dispensary. Publications remained a priority, with monthly issues of *The Indian Theosophist* in English and Hindi, and a quarterly e-newsletter, *Insight*, gaining regular circulation. Members are preparing for the 12th World Congress in Vancouver, with 104 participants finalized. Despite some ongoing legal challenges, such as compensation claims for land acquisition in Varanasi, the Indian Section continues to thrive, focusing on outreach, infrastructure, and strengthening its spiritual and educational initiatives.

The past year in the **New Zealand** Section was marked by both challenges and significant accomplishments, reflecting a commitment to theosophical values and spiritual inquiry. Despite instances of disharmony, progress was made in program development, drawing renewed interest and new members. A key highlight was the January 2024 Summer Convention in Christchurch, focusing on the theme of the soul's journey.

The new hall in Christchurch symbolized resilience, rising from the earthquake-damaged building of a decade ago. The School of Theosophy in April, led by Australian speaker Barry Bowden, garnered positive feedback, and his subsequent nationwide tour further enriched members' experiences. Events like the Immersion Weekend and Theosophical Sundays offered diverse opportunities for study, while framed presentations of the Society's Three Objects were distributed to centers. The Section also made contributions to Adyar's art restoration and infrastructure projects. Despite a slight membership decline, the Section, now re-registered under new legal requirements, continues to support its ten branches and affiliated centers with dedication.

In **Philippines** during this period, the

Section transitioned away from pandemic era online activities while continuing Mid-week Meditation sessions to train facilitators and engage the public. The first in-person National Convention since the pandemic was held in November 2023 in Cagayan de Oro, themed "Wisdom in Action: Catalyzing Theosophical Growth", with 50–60 attendees, despite a strong earthquake. Other key events included onsite public talks in January 2024, White Lotus Day with international online participation, the Visayas-Mindanao Federation Convention in June 2024 in Bacolod amidst a Kanlaon volcano eruption, and an August Self-Transformation Seminar at the national headquarters.

Efforts to improve technology and communication included the launch of "Wisdom with Ferdz", a bimonthly discussion group aiming to produce a publication for Lodges. Youth engagement was vibrant, with members participating in international events, while TOS activities expanded with Golden Link College opening a new campus in Bulacan. Lodges like Manila, Rizaliana, and Godea celebrated milestones, with Godea Lodge marking its 31st anniversary through seminars, a vegetarian buffet, and outreach. Publications such as *The Philippine Theosophist*, *Theosophical Digest*, and *Peace Ideas* continued, while dormant Lodges were reactivated, and hybrid setups were tested to expand participation.

In **AFRICA, the East and Central African** Section comprises of **Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania**, and **Zambia**. Over the years, the Section has faced a decline in attendance and theosophical activities due to economic challenges, political instability, and poor governance, particularly in Kenya. The Blavatsky Lodge, Mumbai (established in 1880), has historic ties with the Lodges in East Africa, fostered by shared travels and interactions, such as C. Jinarajadasa's notable visit to Mombasa. This relationship was recently renewed when Arni Narendran of Blavatsky Lodge visited Nairobi Lodge in June 2024, emphasizing goodwill and collaboration. However, the Covid pandemic exacerbated attendance issues, as elderly members faced health and technological barriers, limiting participation in both physical and online meetings. Efforts to attract younger members have been challenging, with economic pressures and organizational struggles hindering the Lodges' growth and sustainability. The Lodges' activity levels vary, with Nairobi, Kitwe, and Nile Lodges holding regular or semi-regular meetings, while Dar es Salaam Lodge has remained inactive except for its TOS contributions. Mufulira Lodge continues to host the Annual Public Speaking event.

The **South African** Section has faced challenges in recovering to pre-2020 attendance levels at Lodge meetings, though efforts to maintain consistent participation have resulted in an average of 12 members per meeting. A strategic meeting of Lodge Presidents and Section Committee members in January 2024 focused on ways to grow the Lodges, but while new attendees occasionally join meetings, this has not yet translated into

new memberships. The Section retained all existing members during the past year, and hopes are pinned on a new website to attract broader interest. Despite the impact of local, political and economic decline on daily operations, the Section has enhanced its theosophical content and placed greater emphasis on the practical applications of the teachings for daily and spiritual living.

In **EUROPE,** TS **Austria** faced significant challenges, including the closure of the Vienna Lodge "Alcione" on 6 October. Currently, there are two active Lodges in Austria. The Blavatsky Lodge in Graz has stabilized after a period of decline, with a new board working effectively, while the Johannes Lodge in Linz remains a small but active group. Weekly lectures and bimonthly study groups for young people are organized, along with three annual study weekends in Ulrichsberg. Since 24 March 2024, the leadership has emphasized a return to core theosophical works and the three objectives of Theosophy. The recent difficult experiences have helped foster a deeper understanding of true brotherhood, and there is a strong commitment to fraternal exchanges with other theosophical groups, particularly in German-speaking countries. The future of the organization looks promising.

In **Belgium** Lodges maintained regular activities, including publishing newsletters, organizing in-person and hybrid meetings, and hosting national events such as White Lotus Day, Founders Day, Adyar Day, and Annie Besant Day. Study groups regularly explored works by authors like Annie Besant, Krishnamurti, Taimni, Rohit Mehta, and Aryel Sanat, while healing and peace meditations were conducted in collaboration with the Belgian TOS. The year's highlight was the visit of International President Tim Boyd and Lily Boyd, who met with Belgian members at the Brussels headquarters for an informal yet meaningful discussion on brotherhood before continuing their European tour.

In **England & Wales,** the TS continues its mission through its Headquarters and 21 Lodges and Centres, offering various educational and spiritual opportunities. Headquarters organized 21 online Sunday evening talks covering diverse topics such as "The Life and Influence of HPB" and "Realising the Undescended Self". Lodges and Centres offer study groups focused on core texts such as *The Secret Doctrine*, *The Bhagavadgitā*, and *The Key to Theosophy*, with talks on subjects like Meditation, Karma, and the Tao-Te-Ching. The White Lotus Group also hosted 21 fortnightly sessions, deepening members' understanding of Theosophy. In addition to regular talks, two major events were held: the Trans-Pennine Conference, focusing on "Man's Spiritual Journey", and the Summer School, which delved into "The Mystery of Life and Death". Both events were highlighted by inspiring talks, including the prestigious Blavatsky Lecture given by Petra Meyer on "The Mystery of Life and Its Cyclic Evolution". The Society continues to produce its quarterly magazine *Esoterica* and offers online diploma courses in

Theosophy. Although membership slightly declined, interest in the Society's teachings has grown, as reflected in the increasing engagement with its website and social media. The Society remains dedicated to promoting brotherhood and the oneness of life during challenging times.

The TS Section in **Finland** held its annual general meeting on 25 May, leading to the election of a new board on 30 June, with Janne Vuononvirta returning as General Secretary. A highlight of the year was the summer school in Helsinki, focusing on the *Mahatma Letters*. Members participated in various international theosophical events, and public lectures were hosted weekly at the Helsinki headquarters. The Section consists of 17 Lodges, which organized numerous lectures, study days and seminars. Kreivilä celebrated its 70th anniversary. Publications included recordings of lectures, a quarterly magazine, and new editions of the *Mahatma Letters* in Finnish and Estonian.

At TS **France**, bimonthly hybrid courses, online meditation sessions, and public lectures continue to engage participants. Founders Day, Adyar Day, and White Lotus Day were celebrated with active members and public supporters. A study group on *The Mahatma Letters*, in collaboration with the Belgian Section, attracts participants from Spain and beyond, while another group helps new members establish a foundation in theosophical teachings. The year's highlight was the National Convention, featuring me, speaking on "Living Spiritually in a Chaotic World". Members appreciated the opportunity to engage directly in a private session. TS France's online presence grew significantly through social media, YouTube, and newsletters, attracting younger audiences and inspiring many new members. Editions Adyar expanded its book offerings and introduced subscriptions to *The Theosophist* and the *Adyar Newsletter*. The TS library remained active, hosting researchers, while archival efforts focused on restoring French membership records. *Le Lotus Bleu* magazine, published ten times a year in print and digital formats, saw an increase in subscribers due to successful promotions.

The TS in **Germany** held its main event, the Summer School, in July at Tann-Larbach, with Frank Henkel presenting "Dead and Dying" via Zoom. The event featured lively discussions, Qi Gong exercises, and a scenic excursion to Wasserkuppe. Future Summer Schools will be held in autumn to coincide with the 150th anniversary celebrations in Vancouver. In addition to this, regular group meetings and monthly online sessions continue to attract members from Germany, Austria, and Switzerland, with growing participation due to high-quality speakers. Membership has slightly decreased to 128, and members remain active in various TOS-related activities. *The Adyar Magazine* is published thrice a year, and German authors within the TS, including Peter Michel, Anja Schreiber, Gabrièle Franklin, Manfred Ehmer, and Katarina

Michel, continue to contribute their works to meetings and online platforms.

In **Greece,** the TS elected Erica Georgiades as the new General Secretary. All Lodges conducted lectures and study sessions focused on the Society's core objectives, celebrating Foundation Day, White Lotus Day, Adyar Day, and the Summer Solstice. Fundraising for headquarters renovations in Athens led to upgrades to the lecture hall, kitchen, refectory, and library, with further improvements needed. The Society also renovated an apartment for rental in central Athens. The Greek Theosophical Publishing House updated its offerings, including a revised edition of *Practical Occultism* and plans for other major publications. The magazine *Ilios* is now distributed electronically. Portuguese artist Joma Sipe designed a new membership certificate, and a key focus of the new General Secretary is encouraging in-person interactions at TSG events. The Society mourned the passing of former General Secretary Alexandros Bousoulengas on 11 August 2024, holding a memorial service in his honour.

The TS in **Hungary** conducted monthly public lectures on theosophical topics, such as the "Mystery of Buddha" and *Occult Chemistry*, which were recorded and shared on YouTube. White Lotus Day was observed in remembrance of HPB. Articles from *The Theosophist* were translated into Hungarian for Lodge meetings and uploaded online, while significant translation efforts included *Letters from the Masters of the Wisdom, Series I* and re-translations of *The Science of Yoga* and *The Masters and the Path*. A reprint of *The Voice of the Silence* was arranged due to demand. Daily "Good Morning" messages continued, drawing from texts like *The Conquest of Illusion*. Community events included a year-end dinner and a team-building gathering. The Hungarian TOS faced challenges due to aging members, economic pressures, and difficulty attracting younger members, leading to its dissolution after 14 years, though the Virtual Healing Group remains active.

In TS **Iceland, t**he highlight of the year was the celebration of its 100th anniversary, marked by a gathering at their house in Reykjavík. They also hosted several successful musical events focused on mystical music, fostering a sense of unity among attendees. Weekly Friday lectures covered various theosophical topics and personal experiences, attracting an engaged audience. Numerous other gatherings were held with great success, alongside the initiation of renovations on the house, which will continue in 2025. Additionally, a new website, <lifspekifelagid.is>, though incomplete, was launched, designed for registrations, payments, and article publication.

New members of TS in **Ireland** have primarily joined through their website and had a warm welcome with basic TS materials. On 18 May 2024, the 17th All Ireland Convention was held successfully in Dublin, with attendees from all four provinces of Ireland. The theme, "Practical Theosophy and the Joy of Service", was presented by Organising Secretary Marie Harkness, followed by Q &A and refresh-

ments. The Belfast and Phoenix Lodges held regular meetings with meditations, inspiring talks, and study discussions based on TS texts. This year, they plan to experiment with Zoom meetings for more accessibility. Members received regular study notes on core texts such as *Letters on Basic Theosophy*, *The Voice of the Silence*, and *The Bhagavadgitā*. Overall, it was a successful year.

This year the **Italian** Section's theosophical work was successful, with a blend of in-person and digital activities. Two new books in Italian were printed, and a conference on "Economy, Society, and Care in Human Relationships" took place in Vicenza during the Festival of Relationships. A Silent Retreat in Abano Terme was held, and an Italian delegation attended the 148th International Convention in Adyar. The 2024 Theosophical Seminar in Ascona had significant participation, and Trân-Thi-Kim-Diêu gave a lecture in Milan. I visited in June, and the Young Theosophists continued their translation work and podcasts. The Italian Theosophical Society's website attracted significant interest, with over 150 new entries and regular updates. The monthly newsletter has over 3,900 active users, and the Society's social media presence on Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube continues to grow, with the YouTube channel reaching over 4,000 subscribers. The "Wednesdays with the TS" initiative was successful, consistently attracting 60–100 participants. The Society maintains strong connections with the international Theosophical Society and European Theosophical Federation, with active members on key international committees. The work of the TOS has expanded, and the Italian Section remains committed to the principles of Theosophy and Universal Brotherhood.

In the **Netherlands,** the TS and the International Theosophical Centre (ITC) at Naarden collaborated closely this year, organizing a variety of events through a unified Activities Committee. Highlights included thematic days like the Autumn Day on "Karate-Do" and *The Secret Doctrine* and the workshop on "End-of-Life Care", which drew significant interest. A Youth Conference and Young Theosophists Day focused on engaging younger participants, while the Dutch Language Summer School and Introductory Day catered to local members with accessible content. The Annual Members Meeting marked a leadership transition, with Ingmar de Boer succeeding Wim Leijs as General Secretary. Meditative retreats, traditional Friends' Days, and presentations on topics such as yoga philosophy enriched the year's offerings, emphasizing inclusivity and deeper exploration of theosophical principles.

The only active local group of the Theosophical Society in **Norway** is the Stroemmen Local Group, with a few solitary members also affiliated. After a period without Zoom availability, the local group has resumed offering meetings online. Regular meetings were held throughout the year, covering various subjects and speeches.

The TS in **Portugal** maintained its

regular activities throughout the year, including celebrating traditional commemorative days significant to its history. Both in-person and online sessions were held, with at least three well-attended public sessions monthly, offering a variety of formats such as public talks and discussion groups. The Portuguese Section's website remained a key resource for information about its history and activities, complemented by a regularly published newsletter and increasing engagement through social media platforms. Lodges and Study Groups also continued their work consistently, fostering participation, collective inquiry, and efforts to attract new members and supporters.

The TS in **Russia** achieved significant milestones, including achieving the status of a Regional Association on 17 November 2023. This achievement reflects years of collaborative effort by members across the country. The Society organized four key events combining online and in-person participation: the All-Russian Congress in Moscow, the Conference in Kemerovo, the Forum in Smolensk, and the Seminar in Makaryevka. Each event highlighted unique themes such as Practical Theosophy, Universal Intelligence, and Spiritual Health, featuring lectures, roundtables, and cultural activities. Additionally, online programs flourished, with weekly lectures, studies of foundational texts like *The Secret Doctrine*, and international collaborations. The Russian School of the Wisdom continued to explore *The Mahatma Letters*, while the Light of Truth Lodge held roundtable discussions on diverse theosophical topics. The Society advanced its digital initiatives, enhancing the Theopedia online encyclopedia with translations, comparative studies, and resources related to H. P. Blavatsky's works. Publications included restored editions of *From the Caves and Jungles of Hindostan* and *Gems from the East*, alongside preparations for the final volume of W. Q. Judge's *Collected Writings*. A project featuring daily short videos of aphorisms was completed and new media channels on YouTube, Telegram, and other platforms expanded outreach. Through these endeavours, the Society maintained its focus on education, research, and dissemination of theosophical teachings, fostering a vibrant community across Russia and beyond.

The membership in **Scotland** remained stable. Whilst there was a very slight fall, interest in Theosophy in the Glasgow area is increasing and it is hoped that our membership shall increase over the next two years. After a short recess, Glasgow Lodge has resumed their regular theosophical study group. Organising Secretary, Gary Kidgell, gave a presentation entitled "Theosophical Principles and the Spiritual Path" followed by group discussions at the AGM. The three Lodges and the study group are functioning well, providing talks and study/discussion groups for members.

Theosophical Society in **Slovenia** (TSS) has five Lodges and two study centres. One of the Lodges, directly attached to Adyar, joined the Society last year and became the fifth Lodge. The work

takes place at the theosophical meetings in the Lodges and also meetings once a week via the Zoom platform. This mode is preferred for the future so that members from all Lodges can attend the meetings (31 meetings have been held). All Memorial Days were organized and celebrated at the Society level. The birthday of Annie Besant was celebrated via Zoom and all the others were celebrated with physical gatherings. TSS issues the magazine *The Theosophical Thought*, for now, only in digital format, and also has its own website <teozofskodrustvo.si>.

The **Spanish** Section this year had the privilege of hosting the international President during the last week of June, alongwith regular activities such as public lectures, courses, seminars, and meditation retreats. Members attended public lectures in Arjona and Madrid, with opportunities to meet and discuss the work of the Society. The Sister Section of Portugal organized an online conference titled "Theosophy in Times of Uncertainty", with good participation from both countries, enhanced by simultaneous Spanish translations of all lectures. In December, the 17th edition of the retreat in Málaga, conducted by Trān-Thi-Kim-Diễu, focused on the four Bodhisattva vows, inspiring and enriching many participants. Additionally, Pablo Sender spoke on the practical aspects of studying *The Secret Doctrine*, with nearly a hundred attendees at the School.

The TS membership in **Sweden** is slowly increasing. They had an active year with various activities, including four issues of the magazine *Tidlös Visdom* (Timeless Wisdom) sent to all members. They organized open-house events in January and September 2024 and a range of study groups and courses on Theosophy, Raja Yoga, and *The Secret Doctrine*. Notable lectures included topics such as the spirituality of Nicholas Roerich's paintings, the body-mind problem, and mysticism within Christianity. Member gatherings included Foundation Day, White Lotus Day, and a Christmas party. Study weekends and a summer school featured guest lecturers and focused on subjects like Esoteric Christianity and meditation. The bookshop in Stockholm operated regularly, with monthly book presentations. Online activities are also robust, with an active website, Facebook group, and YouTube channel for spreading lectures. Additionally, the Swedish Section continues to support the Mango Tree school project in Goa, India.

The TS in **Switzerland** experienced a dynamic year in 2024, with activities spanning four Swiss cantons. Highlights included the inauguration of the renovated Geneva Lodge, now a hub for international and academic conferences, and notable events such as the European Seminar, the International Theosophical History Conference, and retreats in Ascona. Study meetings continued across Lodges in Ascona, Geneva, Lugano, and Zurich, covering classical theosophical texts and diverse themes like meditation, literature, and spirituality. Public lectures and conferences, including visits by in-

ternational figures, fostered interest in Theosophy, with Geneva's new premises becoming a focal point for gatherings. Cross-collaborations, such as the partnership with the Archivio Luigi Pericle, further enriched the society's cultural and educational offerings. Regular meetings, public outreach, and international participation underscored a collective commitment to theosophical principles and universal brotherhood.

The work of the Society in **Ukraine** took place on a regular basis, taking into account the special conditions of the war. It has 7 Branches and one Inter-Regional Study Center. Unfortunately, contact with members living in Crimea, Yalta, has been completely lost. The work has been done mainly online for almost 5 years, but the General Secretary has visited Branches and conducted seminars in Kyiv, Zhyto-myr, Dnipro, Odesa. All working groups had regular meetings. The TOS works most actively, in cooperation with TOS centers of other countries of the world. This year the TOS Secretary from Spain, Mr. Alejandro Bueno Lantero, visited TS in Ukraine. Gratitude to all for the support to Ukraine. There is an active all-Ukrainian public theosophical lecture hall, school of lecturing skills, scientific group, and department of education. Social networks are being actively developed. Four electronic magazines are published, one of which — translations of articles from the *Adyar* magazine — was launched this year.

At the **INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS IN ADYAR,** the **Adyar Library and Research Centre** continues its work with notable progress, including the adoption of the Koha software under Swami Chitghanananda's guidance. The library currently houses 139,707 books, including 3,473 rare titles. During the International Convention 2023, it hosted an exhibition commemorating Mrs Radha Burnier's birth centenary and the 10th anniversary of her passing, featuring her photographs, writings, and translations. The Library has been revitalized, and a Sanskrit Beginners' course for staff and residents will soon be introduced by the Director, Dr Radha Raghunathan. The monthly "Libraries as Communities" programme continues to draw readers and visitors. The schedule of speakers and topics included:

- Dr Chitra Madhavan on "Gems of Indian Architecture and Sculpture".
- Dr Ambika Kameshwar on "Natya: An Exploration".
- Panel Discussion moderated by K. Jaikumar with previous session speakers.
- Nancy Secrest on "Altruism, Compassion & Service".
- Malathi Pandurang on "Aesthetic Practice in the Art of Ikebana".
- Angelika & Sriram on "Natya Yoga".
- C. N. Sethuraman on "The Hidden Life".
- Jaishree Kannan on "Adyar Library – A Treasure Trove".

Additional speakers and topics are planned for the coming year, ensuring continued engagement and learning opportunities.

The **Adyar Theosophical Academy**

(ATA) marked its sixth academic year with notable progress in holistic education, infrastructure, and student engagement, catering to 201 students from Nursery to Grade 7. The year was enriched by interdisciplinary approaches through workshops, innovative projects, field trips, and cultural celebrations. Milestones included transforming the Vasanta Press godown into classrooms and a laboratory, and plans for a new school building at Kirby Gardens. ATA's dynamic programs included "The Time Traveller's Odyssey", a social studies event bringing history alive through themes like the Mesozoic Era and Indus Mela, and "Wonderscape", an exhibition showcasing student projects during the International Convention. Cultural events like "Umang" celebrated artistic expression through traditional dances and plays, while field trips and overnight stays at Auroville and Agastya Science City emphasized sustainability, science, and traditions. Experiential learning flourished with STEM workshops, robotics, and practical initiatives like crocheting and biodegradable packaging, fostering critical thinking and teamwork. ATA's fifth anniversary featured student performances and a session with a NASA engineer, while Independence Day celebrations included a musical tribute to rivers. Heritage festivities like Krishna Jayanthi and Onam immersed students in Indian culture through crafts and culinary activities. Teacher development was prioritized through workshops on child protection, gender sensitization, AI in education, and storytelling, complemented by interactions with global educators to refine ATA's theosophical education approach. Rooted in experiential learning, cultural appreciation, and environmental responsibility, ATA continues to inspire curiosity, creativity, and a sense of global citizenship in its students.

The **Besant Memorial Animal Dispensary** (BMAD) continues to grow annually, treating over 20,000 outpatient cases, performing 400+ major surgeries, and conducting 2,500+ animal birth control procedures each year. The shelter admits over 900 critical inpatients, including road accident victims, abandoned animals, and those with severe illnesses like cancer. This year marked the expansion of its diagnostic facilities with a new biochemistry machine and the transformation of the old Scouts' camp into a Rs 1,500,000 wildlife unit for injured urban wildlife, complete with enclosures, a surgery unit, and treatment areas, ensuring separation from domestic animals to prevent the spread of zoonotic disease. A major achievement was the rescue and successful rehabilitation of Spot-billed Pelicans during the Ennore oil spill in collaboration with the government. BMAD's efforts have been recognized by the Animal Welfare Board of India and the Tamil Nadu State Board for Animal Welfare.

The **Blavatsky Museum**'s 2024 activities focused on the restoration of paintings, both framed and unframed, many of which had not been displayed in years. To accommodate this meticulous work, additional space was prepared on the

ground floor of the Headquarters Building, where the old Archives area and some neighbouring rooms were cleared and repurposed for restoring canvases, water colours, and so on. Key steps included photographing the paintings' backs to document signatures, repairs, and inscriptions, as well as consulting experts for sensitive paint restoration. Questions about the origins and historical context of some works remain under study. A significant milestone was the relocation of delicate paintings to a new storage space equipped with modern air conditioning, offering a serene and secure environment for these treasures. Additionally, all museum rooms now feature an advanced alarm system, combining enhanced security with improved accessibility.

The **School of the Wisdom (SOW)** offered five on-campus courses from October 2023 to September 2024, and an expanded selection of online classes, including five courses in English and three in Spanish. In October 2023 "The Higher Spiritual Path", was led by Dr William Wilson Quinn. In November, Dr Jayandra and Dr Luitgard Soni explored "Jainism and its Context in Indian Philosophy and Literature". January 2024 saw Prof. Ravi Ravindra teaching "Love and Death in Great Spiritual Traditions", followed in February 2024 by Prof. C. A. Shinde with "Spiritual Self-Transformation and Three Streams of Evolution". Enriching the programmes, Shikhar Agnihotri led a "Contemplative Walk through Nature and History" at the Adyar Campus for participants, while Jaishree Kannan facilitated chanting workshops.

The online English classes offered included "The Living Wisdom of *The Voice of the Silence*" with Erica Georgiades in March/April; "The Yoga-Sūtra as a Science of Self-Knowledge: A Theosophical Approach" with Dr Ricardo Lindemann in May; "The Quest for Truth: Integrating Science, Philosophy & Religion" with Prof. P. Krishna in June; and "Examining the Buddha's Teachings" with Ms Trân-Thi-Kim-Diêu in September. Spanish language online classes comprised "Las Dimensiones del Trabajo Teosófico" ("Dimensions of the Theosophical Work") with Otavio Ernesto Marchesini in January 2024; "La Muerte y Después, Desde Otra Perspectiva" ("Death and Beyond, From a Different Peerspective") with Ángeles Torra Burón; and "Meditación, un Encuentro con La Paz Interior" ("Meditation, an Encounter with Inner Peace") with María Mengelt and Georgina Téllez Salazar in May and June respectively.

The **Surendra Narayan Archives** hosted a well-researched, interesting exhibition "The Spirit of Adyar, 'A Journey into the Past'" during the 148th International Convention at Adyar. Many delegates visited the Archives and took time in reading and also enjoying the interesting photographs that were displayed. It attracts genuine, interested scholars both from India and abroad. The scholars are provided the necessary documents and photographs.

The **Theosophical Order of Service** operates in 36 of the 59 countries where the TS is active, fostering service through

humanitarian, ecological, and educational initiatives. While the *TOS: Intouch* e-Newsletter has been on hiatus, plans are underway to resume it, alongside updates to the TOS website and increased activity on its international Facebook page. Preparations are ongoing for the 5th International TOS Conference, to be held in July 2025 at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, Canada. This year, the TOS mourned the loss of two dedicated leaders: B. L. Bhattacharya, former TOS India Director, and Hamid Mayet, TOS Pakistan President. Notable new initiatives include the Odisha TOS's paper-plate industry to provide employment, Akola TOS's distribution of solar lamps to a village without electricity, and the Spanish TOS's establishment of a foundation to finance sustainable projects. Ongoing efforts include support for Ukrainian refugees, disaster relief in India and Bangladesh, women's empowerment, education, youth engagement, animal welfare, and ecological projects, with healing groups active in almost all countries. TOS members remain committed to HPB's teachings in *The Key to Theosophy*, embodying active altruism through their selfless service to humanity and all living beings.

The **Theosophical Publishing House** reprinted 89 out-of-stock titles during the year ended September 2024, ensuring that all 336 book titles were available for sale. As is customary during the Convention, well-received by the delegates, who appreciated the added convenience.

Since its revival in 2022, the **World Federation of Young Theosophists** has engaged young members globally through study groups, meditations, and creative initiatives. Programs include book discussions on *At the Feet of the Master* and *Practical Occultism*, weekly meditation sessions, and a monthly Astrology Study Group. Writing remains a cornerstone, with newsletters, articles, and a magazine showcasing members' reflections. WFYT has also launched a leadership program for preparing young theosophists for Lodge roles and a children's book featuring member-contributed art. Key gatherings include the 2023 Youth Gathering in Adyar, which marked WFYT's centennial with workshops and discussions on Annie Besant's *The Spiritual Life*, and the 2024 gathering in Bhowali, India, where 26 participants explored core theosophical concepts under the guidance of Shikhar Agnihotri. In October 2024, the WFYT elected its 2024–2026 Board: Beth Vaughan (England and Wales), Elmer Overdevest (Netherlands), Francis Lim (Singapore), Leo Ta (Australia), Merike Martsepp (Estonia), Stephanie Guinevere Vargas Cuellar (Bolivia), and Vighnesh RVS (India). The Board, publicly introduced in November, is focused on sustaining projects and expanding membership, now at 220 active members.

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THE TREASURER'S REPORT

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ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 MARCH 2024

TREASURER'S REPORT — AUDITED ACCOUNTS 2023–2024

Respected members of the General Council:

The audited financial statements of the accounts of the Society for the fiscal year ended 31 March 2024 are already in your hands. Please find hereunder the salient points of financial activity of the Society for the fiscal year 2023-2024.

Two important staff changes happened in the Treasury Department this year. Mr Jambunathan, Treasurer, Olcott Education Society (OES), retired as of 1 April 2024. In anticipation of this change, Mr RVS Vighnesh, Assistant to the Treasurer, Theosophical Society (TS) was named as Acting Treasurer OES toward the end of the 2023-2024 fiscal year. While Mr Vighnesh will continue to act as hands-on Treasurer of OES, Ms Nancy Secrest was elected as the new Treasurer. This was necessary in order to comply with OES by-laws which state that the OES Treasurer must have been a member of the TS for seven years. Mr. Vighnesh has been a TS member for three years. At the same time, Mr Vighnesh was asked to coordinate the new Eco-Development Department for the TS. Thus, his time is now split 1/3 as Assistant to the TS Treasurer, 1/3 acting as hands-on Treasurer of the OES and 1/3 as coordinator of the AED Department. TS Treasury also hired a new Accounting Supervisor this year. J. Abirama Sundari is a trained accountant with good leadership skills. Her help and assistance have been a godsend to the department, especially considering the loss of 2/3 of Mr Vighnesh's time. We have continued our emphasis on cross training. We also adjusted the last few old (stagnant) general ledger account balances. These balances were from TPH general ledger accounts. They had not changed for more than ten years and were of unknown origin. All were written off to Bad Debt expense. Our financial accounts now contain only currently active accounts, reflecting the financial position of the Society more accurately.

Last year, it came to our attention that the Income Tax department defines "Charitable" objects for Section 10(23C) (iv) taxpayers (of which the TS is one), as follows: Relief of the Poor, Yoga, Education, Medical, Preservation of the environment, Preservation of monuments, objects of art and historical documents, and Other (items that do not fall into the above categories). While it is obvious to us that the TS activities fall into the above categories, we wish to make it obvious to the IT as well. Hence, we continue to report our activity in this way for IT purposes. For the General Council, we will continue to report using the categories we have traditionally used, while also showing the cost center breakout using the IT categories.

Our FCRA status with the Home Ministry expired as of 30 October 2021. FCRA status allows us to accept foreign donations. We applied for renewal six months prior to the expiration date as per FRCA rules. In September 2021, the Home Ministry changed the FCRA rules. This required the thousands of NGOs in India to reapply causing massive delays to everyone and repeated extensions of exemption dates for several years. As of 31 March 2024, we received notification that our renewal was denied. The reason for the denial is unclear. We have hired a consultant to put forth an appeal of this decision, and are optimistic that the denial will be overturned.

The results for fiscal year 2023-2024 are as follows:

1. INCOME

The details of the income for the year ended 31 March 2024 as compared to the previous two years are as follows::

	Financial Year		
	2023–2024	**2022–2023**	**2021–2022**
a) Gross interest received from investments	25,655,759	24,875,100	26,954,168
b) Fees and dues	1,697,028	3,191,179	1,354,657
c) License fees	35,400,000	15,400,092	1,200,000
d) Adyar Day donations	340,600	223,351	68,652
e) General donations	4,138,418	2,246,943	49,468,596
f) Restricted donations	31,843,458	23,567,003	19,955,551
g) CSR receipts	4,921,183	1,300,000	—
h) Sales & Subscriptions – TPH & Magazines	4,597,339	3,201,447	1,859,833
i) Sales & Subscriptions – ALRC, BMAD & Garden	649,874	917,063	811,361
j) Other income	7,359,173	6,416,083	2,465,348
Sub Total – gross income	116,602,832	81,338,261	104,138,166
Less: Interest transferred to earmarked funds	(6,448,730)	(6,023,751)	(9,383,526)
Total Income	**110,154,102**	**75,314,510**	**94,754,640**

The gross income for the year as shown above increased from that of last year, 2022-2023, by Rs. 35,264,571. Several factors contributed to the increase of gross income. Donations increased in all categories. (The large general donation figure in fiscal 2021-2022 was due to a one-time donation that was received from the American Section totaling Rs. 48,952,967 that year. This donation was intended to help with increased expenditures due to the resumption of construction after the lockdowns of the past two years when construction needed to be halted).

Income from interest on investments shows an increase of Rs. 780,659. This includes a gain on the redemption of mutual funds in the amount of Rs. 165,630. This is due to an increase in the funds available to invest and a continued increase in interest rates to above 7% per annum. 3

Fees and dues decreased this year by Rs, 1,494,151. However, the increase shown in

fiscal 2022–2023 was due to confusion by our bank as to governmental changes to the acceptance and processing of foreign donations to NGOs. The changes caused much confusion during 2021–2022 that resulted in fewer Fees & Dues being processed by our bank. The confusion was resolved, and Sections were allowed to send in prior as well as current year Fees & Dues in 2022–2023, thereby artificially inflating that figure. Thus, fees and dues posted in fiscal 2023-2024 show a more realistic picture and are in line with previous years.

This year marked the first year we began receiving full-year lease rent payments from Shiv Nadar Trust (SNT) for the Damodar Gardens property. Damodar Gardens rent is paid annually. Lease rent payments are also being received from the Theosophical Education Society (TES) on behalf of the Adyar Theosophical Academy (ATA). ATA's lease payments are Rs. 100,000 per month, showing income of Rs. 1,200,000 for the year. We also receive a token lease payment from the Olcott Education Society of Rs. 1 per month.

Donations increased across the board this year with an increase in total donations of Rs. 10,285,179 from fiscal 2022-2023.

In fiscal 2023-2024 the TS again registered to receive CSR donations. CSR stands for Corporate Social Responsibility. In India, corporations are required to pay out 2% of their average net profit over the previous three years as charitable donations each year. We are working to increase our CSR donations by applying to various corporate entities for help with specific projects. CSR donations increased this year by Rs. 3,621,183. The Besant Memorial Animal Dispensary (BMAD) has benefited the most from these donations while the construction of the new Adyar Theosophical Academy (ATA) campus at Kirby Gardens received a CSR donation as well.

TPH sales increased again this year by Rs. 1,395,892 against last year's results. However, sales from other departments: ALRC, BMAD and the Garden decreased by Rs. 267,189 against the figures from 2022–2023 mostly because sales and scanning for ALRC was down.

Other income for fiscal 2023–2024 increased this year by Rs. 943,090. The largest increase was in Convention income, Rs. 818,777. Other items in this category Include: Electricity recoveries, Quarters Maintenance, Royalties received, Canteen income and Printing receipts.

2. NET RESULTS

under the different Cost Categories, after utilizing the funds held for those purposes, as compared to those of the previous two years were as under. Negative figures (in brackets) indicate a deficit of income to expenditures:

	Net (Surplus)/Deficit by Financial Year		
Cost Category	**2023–2024**	**2022–2023**	**2021–2022**
a) Buildings, Grounds & Support	32,678,423	24,649,013	30,055,434
b) Charitable work	2,770,629	1,839,484	2,812,184
c) Propagation of Theosophy	5,420,624	7,540,224	2,974,432
d) International offices	3,614,888	4,068,863	2,686,624

e) TS Primary	54,720,234	34,385,213	70,588,116
f) Preservation of Objects of Art or Historic Interest	2,606,200	----------	----------
Totals	7,629,470	3,712,371	32,059,442

The following table restates the above figures using the Cost Categories as shown per the Income Tax definitions for a Charitable Trust as included in form 10b beginning fiscal 2022-2023. A report showing the cost centers that are included within each category was included in your audit package.

	Cost Category	2023–2024	2022–2023	2021–2022
a)	Education	3,536,548	249,828	
b)	Medical	1,044,806	649,546	
c)	Preservation of Environment	449,947	56,789	
d)	Preservation of Monuments, Art Objects & Items of Historic Interest	24,956,371	16,555,449	
e)	Relief of the Poor	1,025,92	841,115	
f)	Others that do not fit in above categories	38,643,067	14,640,356	
	Totals	7,629,471	3,712,371	

The GROSS results of each Cost Centre are explained hereunder:

(a) Buildings, Grounds & Support	**2023–2024**	**2022–2023**	**2021–2022**
i) Adyar Eco-Development (formerly ANEC)	30,130	2,300	—
ii) Bhojansala & Leadbeater Chambers	921,669	563,944	1,465,356
iii) Garden	2,889,790	825,475	3,095,701
iv) General Manager's Office	548,466	164,370	95,717
v) Housekeeping	4,395,727	3,186,582	2,221,719
vi) Information Technology	697,244	369,491	329,397
vii) Maintenance	19,766,196	14,580,213	16,868,863
viii) Sanitation	854,343	774,651	859,145
ix) Security	5,044,830	4,950,673	5,119,536
Totals	35,148,395	25,413,099	30,055,434

2a (i) A new cost centre was added this year, Adyar Eco-Development (AED). This replaced the Adyar Nature and Environmental (ANEC) Center. The Adyar Eco Development (AED) project has been conceived to realize the enormous potential of The Theosophical Society's lush, sprawling, 256 acres campus, to be a place of deep learning, healing, research and creation inspired by its inherent natural and spiritual energy. The TS is in partnership with Kaluveli Environment

Education Trust in this endeavor. Only a few preliminary expenses were paid during fiscal 2023-2024. The first phase is expected to go into effect from July 2024-December 2025.

2a (ii) The operations of Bhojansala & Leadbeater Chambers resulted in a deficit increase of Rs. 357,725 as compared to 2022-2023. This was mostly due to an increase in salaries and overtime.

2a (iii) The deficit in the Garden department results decreased this year by Rs. 2,064,315. This is misleading because the results for 2022-2023 were skewed due to the receipt of a large donation of Rs. 2,286,080 toward the development of the Medha Garden that is located next to the theatre. That was an example of expenses paid in one year while the funds to cover them are received in another. If we instead compare this year's results with those of 2021-2022, we see a decrease in the deficit of Rs.205,911, which can be explained by the increase in Garden sales plus a decrease in Garden maintenance expense for 2023-2024.

2a (iv) The increase of the deficit in the General Manager's Office of Rs. 384,096 is mostly due to an increase in salary expense due to the return of the one paid employee in this department from another department and increases in computer related, conveyance and land related expenses.

2a (v) The deficit in the Housekeeping department increased this year by Rs. 1,209,145. Housekeeping has become responsible for Masonry and much of the painting work on the TS buildings thus increasing these expenses again this year as well as the increased salary expense and overtime for these workers. This actually helps our bottom line because it reduces payments to outside contractors who would charge more for this work.

2a (vi) Information Technology (IT) showed an increased deficit for 2023-2024 from 2022-2023 of Rs. 327,753. This is due to software purchases, increased telephone and internet expense as more lines come under the purview of IT and increased website expense.

2a(vii) The deficit seen in the Maintenance department increased this year by Rs. 5,105,983. Electricity costs were up in 2023-2024 by Rs. 775,278 and there was increased activity in all maintenance repair categories, buildings, boundaries, infrastructure and signage to name a few.

2 (b) Charitable Work	**2022–2023**	**2021–2022**	**2020–2021**
i) Besant Memorial Animal Dispensary	1,244,934	5,496,380	5,908,921
ii) Education (OES)	3,582,600	623,700	286,190
iii) Education (TS)	647,235	351,123	359,409
iv) Welfare Grants	2,019,527	1,311,347	1,019,571
v) Free Dispensary & Medical Aid	476,785	447,379	375,788
vi) School fees & books	184,000	198,000	228,950
vii) Theosophical Order of Service	17,949	44,828	126,191
Totals	8,173,030	8,472,757	8,052,638

Donations restricted to the above usages are now shown on the Income Statement as Restricted Donations to the various cost centres. Surpluses not used to cover expenses in the year donated are kept in invested Funds until needed to cover expenses in subsequent years. This year those surpluses totaled Rs. 1,109,913, and a total of Rs. 11,642,029 over and above current year donations was utilized for charitable purposes. Interest totaling Rs. 6,448,730 was also added to the fund balances in 2023-2024.

2b (i) The Besant Memorial Animal Dispensarys (BMAD) financial results improved in 2023-2024 as compared with those of 2022-2023 with a decrease in the deficit of Rs. 4,254,446 from that of 2022-2023. This is mostly due to an increase in CSR and personal donations of Rs. 8,988,457. BMADs impact continued to grow with both in-patient and out-patient surgeries and treatments, care extended to community dogs and cats and the care of some wild animals at the governments request. BMAD is actively pursuing donations via social media and requests for Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funding. Responses to their efforts has helped to keep up with ever increasing expenses as their outreach grows. In the current year we have registered with the government for assistance with funding for wildlife rescue.

2b (ii, iii & vi) The cost centre for Education (OES) was granted Rs. 30 lakhs by the TS this year resulting in an increased deficit for nearly that amount. This grant was funded by donations received by the TS on the behalf of OES in prior years. These funds can only be used to benefit OES. The results of the Education (TS) cost centre, that pays for scholarships to the Adyar Theosophical Academy for children of TS and OES employees, shows an increase in the deficit of Rs. 296,112. A decrease in donations of Rs. 169,258 from the previous year, and an increase of costs for scholarships and other fees of Rs. 126,954 accounts for the difference. The deficit for School fees and books remained stable. These cost centres are covered by funds that have been, and continue to be, donated for their purposes.

In fiscal 2021-2022, education expense related to the TS were separated from those previously used for OES. The TS covers the cost of school uniforms and some other expense for OES students. The TS Education funds cover the cost of scholarships, and related expenses, given to the children of TS and OES employees for attendance at the Adyar Theosophical Academy (ATA). School fees and books covers educational assistance for the children of TS employees. The allotment is between Rs. 3,000 5,000 per child. The amount depending on the standard/grade in which the child is enrolled. This is covered by the N. Sri Ram Fund with its use as according to his will.

2b (iv & v) The deficits of the Welfare Grant increased by Rs. 708,180 in fiscal 2023-2024. Most of this increase is due to the payment of medical expenses on behalf of a volunteer who slipped and fell at the LBC dining hall. The fall, which resulted in a hip replacement, was considered a work-related accident and therefore resulting expenses were fully covered by the TS. Foor surfaces where the fall took place have now been painted with an epoxy paint to prevent similar falls in the future. The Welfare grant pays for medical and educational assistance to TS employees as per the parameters of the Annie Besant Charitable Fund and Radhas will. The Free Dispensary offers services to TS employees and residents. The results of the Free Dispensary remained stable.

2b (vii) The TOS received a donation from the TOS in Italy again this year. This was

earmarked for scholarships to approximately 25 female students in Odisha region and matched funds given by the TOS there. There was an increase in the TOS deficit of Rs. 26,879 as the result of prepayment of items related to the 5th International TOS Conference in July of 2025, a one-time expense.

2 (c) Propagation of Theosophy	**2022–2023**	**2021–2022**	**2020–2021**
i) Adyar Library & Research Centre	2,364,044	1,498,139	2,116,979
ii) Adyar Theosophical Academy	1,922,493	101,295	—
iii) Archives & Museum	679,950	781,358	638,116
iv) Conventions & Seminars	910,720	7,379,384	11,950
v) Programs & Seminars	312,999	Included above	
vi) School of the Wisdom	240,717	67,280	1,000
vii) Theosophy Science Centre	—	—	2,311
viii) Theosophical Publishing House	1,541,219	19,952	45,754
ix) *The Theosophist* & *Adyar Newsletter*	970,835	526,131	369,221
x) Vasanta Press	2,138,902	854,093	1,110,661
xi) World Congress	524,448	—	—
Totals	7,761,341	10,985,138	4,204,484

2c(i) The year end results for the Adyar Library show an increase in the deficit of Rs. 865,905. This is due to a decrease in ALRC sales and scanning fees this year of Rs. 766,939. The net deficit of the ALRC was partially covered by previously donated "funds".

2c(ii) Adyar Theosophical Academy (ATA) is included here for information only. It is no longer a TS department as it is now part of the Theosophical Education Society, a registered Society in its own right. However, since we expect to receive donations for con-struction of new classrooms for ATA by the TS (the TS owns the land and buildings), we will continue to report those separately, as a cost centre, for the information of the General Council. The surplus listed does represent donations received during fiscal 2023-2024.

2c(iii) The deficit results of the Archives and Museum are mostly in line with those of previous years.

2c(iv-v) The Adyar Convention results showed a huge change this year. This is only the 2nd year after the pandemic that the Convention returned as a physical convention held at Adyar. The large deficit in 2022-2023 was mostly due to maintenance repairs and the painting of buildings in order to return them to a state acceptable for the housing of delegates. This did not need to be repeated in 2023-2024. The results for fiscal 2024-2025 will allow us to see how the Convention is performing as against previous years.

2c (vi & (vii)) The School of the Wisdom results showed an increase in its deficit of Rs. 173,427 from last year's results. Half the honorarium of a volunteer working for the SOW was added to the costs, as were those for meals provided to some delegates, a Zoom Pro subscription was purchased and some website work was done.

2c (viii) The Theosophical Publishing House	**2023-2024**	**2022-2023**	**2021-2022**
1) Gross profit from sale of publications	540,807	1,794,490	1,020,823
2) Royalty and copyright fees	2,048	297,390	2,83,305
3) Surplus/(loss) from *Theosopical Digest*	—	8,200	8,050
4) Net surplus/(deficit) of the TPH	1,541,219	19,952	45,754
5)Loss from the *Theosophist* & *Adyar Newsletter*	970,835	526,131	369,221

The TPH shows a deficit for fiscal 2023-2024 of Rs. 1,541,219 as against a surplus in 2022-2023 of Rs. 19,952. While sales and other income items increased by Rs. 739,074, expenses also increased by nearly Rs. 2,300,000. The most notable of these were postage with an increase of Rs. 1,755,648 in 2023-2024 over last year s expense. This actually represented a correction to entries from previous years that had been booked to general advances rather than franking advances. There were also Book Gift expenses this year of Rs. 42,060. As previously mentioned, several TPH general ledger accounts were written off this year. All of these accounts had had unchanging balances in lakhs of rupees for at least ten (10) years. Treasury tried but could not discover the source of these balances. Therefore, they could not be reconciled. Account balances were both positive and negative amounts that netted to Rs. 437,198. Thid amount was written off (with the agreement of our auditors) to Bad Debts expense. While this action took a bit of a toll this year, it will give us more accurate reporting of our accounts going forward.

2c(ix) *Theosophist* & the *Adyar Newsletter*, showed another increase in its deficit of Rs. 264,704 from that of fiscal 2022-2023. This is again due to a decrease in sales and an increase in publication costs.

2c (x) The increase in the deficit of Rs. 1,284,809 for Vasanta Press is the result of decreased printing receipts of Rs. 87,952 and increased production costs. Vasanta Press offers its services to all departments in the TS as well as to related groups such as the Olcott Education Society and others. These amounts are then billed to the departments, and others each month though a "Consolidated Bill".

2c (xi) The World Congress was added to our accounts this year. The deficit amount of Rs. 524,448 shows early expenses for WC items that are in progress, most notably the 150th year documentary.

2d International Departments:
The results of the offices of the President and Vice President showed a decrease in the deficit of Rs. 282,875. The most notable decreases were seen in vehicle expense and VP expenses. The Secretary's office showed an increased deficit in 2023-2024 of Rs. 124,744. This was mostly due to the addition of new foreign volunteers who are paid an honorarium giving much needed assistance

to the International Secretary. Treasury showed a decreased deficit of Rs. 295,844. This is mostly due to the fact that there were no consultancy or travel expenses this year as the treasurer did not attend the physical General Council meeting in Naarden this year.

2e TS Primary:
This cost centre, is a repository for the more uniform and general TS items. All donations, unless restricted to a specific department, are posted to this cost centre as are fees and dues received, license fees and income from dividends and interest on TS investments. On the expense side the Society's expenditures for depreciation, payroll admin charges, expenses for income tax, property and water taxes, insurance, land related expenses, legal and court costs and statutory fees and dues are all posted to the TS Primary cost centre.

Its activity in 2023-2024 resulted in a surplus of Rs. 54,720,234. This is more than last year's surplus by Rs. 20,417,509. The increase from fiscal 2022-2023 can be explained by increases in the receipt of donations and fees & dues and license fees (see page 1 table). Fiscal 2023-2024 is the first year we received the full amount of license fees from SNT for Damodar Gardens, an increase of Rs. 20,000,000 by itself. On the expense side the most notable changes were an increase of depreciation by Rs. 3,996,541 and legal costs by Rs.893,700.

3. Net Deficit:
The books of the Theosophical Society for fiscal 2023-2024 show a net deficit of Rs. 1,626,165. The reasons for the deficit have already been explained. In addition, while all income is reflected on the Income & Expense Statement, the amount of income received during the year, and used for capital expenditures is shown on the Balance Sheet. Amounts for Capital costs/ Fixed Assets paid in 2023-2024, net of deletions, amounted to Rs. 17,261,032. Of this amount, Rs. 15,832,095 was paid from current year donations and other income, with the additional Rs. 1,428,937 covered by the utilization of "funds" (also shown on the Balance Sheet) representing prior years' donations. In addition, excess restricted donations in the amount of Rs. 1,109,913 were added to the Other/Earmarked Fund balances to be used in subsequent years, and Rs. 72,119 was added to the Corpus Fund this year.

4. Capital Expenditure:
Capital additions/improvements totaling Rs. 17,700,712 were added to Fixed Assets this fiscal year, With RS. 439,680 being deleted or adjusted. The additions included additional work in progress (WIP) on the ATA Temporary classroom expansion and Kirby Gardens campus, new classrooms for Olcott Memorial Higher Secondary School (OMHSS), the Social Welfare Centre (SWC) renovation, the Admin Building renovation, the building of a safe room in the Archives for the storage of artworks, the completion of the New Quadrangle renovation and the purchase of a large animal ambulance for BMAD totaling Rs. 14,926,639. Various furniture and fixtures were purchased for the library and offices totaling Rs.154,816. Computers and related items were purchased for the IT department, Treasury, Editorial and the Art Restoration Project totaling Rs.527,138. In addition, RS. 717,707 worth of improvements were made to the plumbing infrastructure, and items purchased for Plant and Machinery totaled Rs. 936,711. Library books were also purchased and building improvements made to the HPB Boy's Hostel.

5. Funds & Investments:
The investments of the Society totaled Rs. 493,351,339 at the end of this fiscal year as compared with Rs. 495,517,029 at the end of the 2022-2023 fiscal year. This includes the Rs. 250,000,000 security deposit Received from SNT as part of the lease deed for the Damodar Gardens property.

The principal amount of The Security deposit is refundable and cannot be used by the TS. However, the interest received is unrestricted as to its use. These funds are invested in scheduled banks and financial institutions, with 29% being invested in mutual funds. We are working to decrease our investment in mutual funds as per the wish of the Executive Committee (EC). With the denial of our renewal of FCRA status, the Rs. 161,851,000 in invested funds received from foreign donations are currently frozen by the government. We also cannot deposit any interest received from these investments. Therefore, any of these investments that previously received cash payments of interest have been changed to interest accumulation accounts. (In addition, two bank accounts, whose balances total Rs. 7,266,429, that are used for FCRA deposits and withdrawals have also been frozen.) We are working with a consultant to have this decision overturned and are confident that our FCRA renewal will ultimately be granted, and we will once again have access to these funds.

6. Acknowledgement:

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve the Theosophical Society as its Treasurer and continue to marvel at the Masters guiding me here. Treasury continues to work on the specific goals it has set for itself to ensure that the books of the TS reflect its financial position as accurately and transparently as possible by training staff so that they can perform their jobs to the best of their ability, ensuring compliance with all government regulations and ensuring consistency in the treatment of various financial transactions. In all of this I rely heavily on the diligent and capable work of the Treasury staff most ably led by its new accounting supervisor, J. Abirama Sundari and especially on the knowledge and skill of my Assistant Vighnesh RVS. I gratefully thank and acknowledge them all for their efforts.

I wish to thank President Tim Boyd and the General Council for the trust they have placed in me, and wish to acknowledge the Executive Committee, the International Secretary, the General Manager and Department Heads for all of their assistance throughout the year.

Nancy Secrest
International Treasurer
Theosophical Society

ACCOUNTS AND BUDGETS

THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

Adyar, Chennai 600 020

Income and Expenditure

1-Apr-2023 to 31-Mar-2024

Particulars		Amount (Rs)	Particulars		Amount (Rs)
Opening Stock		**87,69,865.40**	**Sales Accounts**		**55,98,904.59**
Purchase Accounts		**75,58,867.19**			
ALRC Inventory	-		*Sales (Schedule 7)*	*49,97,213.34*	
BMAD	*1,69,580.00*		*Subscriptions (Schedule 8)*	*2,90,070.31*	
C & S Stores	*33,91,551.65*		*Printing & Photocopying (Schedule 9)*	*3,11,620.94*	
Electrical Stores	*14,36,665.00*				
TPH Inventory	*25,61,070.54*		**Direct Incomes**		**4,69,50,238.97**
Direct Expenses		**4,89,24,068.70**	*Convention Income*	*32,19,516.53*	
Animal Welfare (Schedule 3)	*2,04,93,585.52*		*CSR Receipts*	*49,21,183.00*	
Convention	*30,62,403.00*		*Donations -(Schedule 10)*	*3,63,22,475.57*	
Discounts	*29,448.56*		*Fees and Dues*	*16,97,028.08*	
GST	*2,76,300.00*		*Gifts in Kind*	-	
Guest Room Exp. (Linens, Lamps, Etc.)	*1,05,931.00*		*Reimbursement (Schedule 11)*	*7,90,035.79*	
Repairs and maintenance (Schedule 2)	*1,36,28,955.44*		**Indirect Incomes**		**6,40,53,687.56**
Garden development and maintenance (Schedule 4)	*19,34,602.67*		*Canteen Income*	*10,24,017.87*	
Publication (Schedule 5)	*39,37,257.21*		*Dividend Income*	*19,53,508.20*	
Education & Scholarship (Schedule 6)	*54,55,585.30*		*Gain/loss on Redemption of Mutual Funds*	*1,65,630.00*	
		6,27,03,516.19	*Interest Income (FC)*	*88,24,296.55*	
Indirect Expenses			*Interest Income (I)*	*1,47,12,323.99*	
Amazon Fees	*96,318.53*		*License Fees*	*3,54,00,000.00*	
Audit Fees	*2,43,000.00*		*Royalties Received*	*2,72,632.85*	
Bad Debts	*5,63,355.96*		Seminar Income	79779.64	
Bank Fees and Charges	*51,637.45*		*Electricity Charge Recoveries*	*1,89,869.00*	
Canteen (Other Than Food/ingredients)	*11,05,209.00*		*Lodging Payments*	*6,83,988.46*	
Computer accessories	*2,74,951.14*		*Member Payments to LBC*	*7,28,961.00*	
Consultancy Fees	*7,06,240.00*		*Quarters Maintenance*	*18,680.00*	
Conveyance	*2,09,453.75*				
Credit Card Fees	*45,223.93*				
Danamojo Fees	*81,816.71*		**Closing Stock**		**97,27,321.04**
Depreciation	*1,24,61,533.71*				
Documentaries, Video, Photo Etc	*13,38,272.00*		***Excess of Expenditure over Income***		***16,26,165.32***
Electricity Charges (MES)	*33,96,435.00*				
Employee Benefit (Schedule 1)	3,13,52,477.86				
Equipment	*4,70,082.19*				
Fuel and Petrol	*5,38,299.80*				

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THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

Adyar, Chennai 600 020

Income and Expenditure

1-Apr-2023 to 31-Mar-2024

Particulars		Amount (Rs)	Particulars		Amount (Rs)
Insurance	*1,15,978.88*				
Interest & Penalties	*32,786.00*				
Laundry	*95,160.00*				
Lease Rent	*2,460.00*				
Legal and Court	*10,62,700.00*				
Miscellaneous	*30,101.09*				
Medicine (Dispensary)	*2,16,368.00*				
Office administration	*7,88,714.58*				
Platform/Gateway Fees and Changes	*6,31,133.13*				
Preservation	*23,19,332.00*				
Property Tax	*4,42,566.00*				
Provisions (Fruits, Vegetables, Milk Etc.)	*1,05,809.00*				
Security	*1,31,538.00*				
Stationery	*1,99,466.00*				
Statutory Fees/dues	*50,328.50*				
Subscription	*3,30,365.51*				
Telephone and Internet	*4,20,193.40*				
Travel (Non-Local)	*3,62,540.28*				
Water Tax	*40,782.00*				
Website	*1,19,854.26*				
Foreigh Exchange Gain/(Loss)	*21,726.59*				
Book Gift Expenses	*45,162.86*				
Allowances (Petrol and Other	*89,953.85*				
Cyclone Relief Expense	*22,000.00*				
Land Related Expenses	*78,434.60*				
Loss on Disposal of Fixed Assets	*63,968.21*				
Musical /dance Performamce Expense	*30,000.00*				
Rounding Off (+/-)	*2,786.40*				
Royalty Expense	*6,582.32*				
Shipping Expense	*300.00*				
Software Expenses	*1,62,698.52*				
Tea and Refreshments	*3,30,437.00*				
Welfare Grant Expense	*14,16,982.18*				
Total		12,79,56,317.48	Total		12,79,56,317.48

For The Theosophical Society

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Treasurer

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Partner

THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY, ADYAR, CHENNAI 600020

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MARCH 2024

LIABILITIES	AMOUNT	AMOUNT in Rs	ASSETS	AMOUNT	AMOUNT in Rs
Capital Account			**Fixed Assets (As per Fixed Asset Schedule)**		
General Fund (as per note)	8,80,93,584.84		Adyar Library Holdings	30,90,649.43	
Less : Excess of Expenditure over Income	16,26,165.32		Buildings	15,41,30,879.76	
	8,64,67,419.52		Computers and Other IT Fixed Assets	20,70,142.45	
Less : Interest Income transferred to Endowment fund	2,06,88,510.35	**6,57,78,909.17**	Electrical and Telephone Installations	78,98,974.31	
			Furniture and Fixtures	38,43,044.00	
Corpus / Endowment Funds	22,82,70,911.68		Land and Development	35,43,867.00	
Legacy Deposits	33,12,279.00		Plant and Machinery	2,02,19,583.14	
Other / Earmarked Funds	10,56,66,579.69	**33,72,49,770.37**	Vehicles and Livestock	46,51,255.66	
			Plumbing Infrastructure	28,23,398.68	
Long Term Liabilities			Work-In-Progress	1,89,95,883.39	
			Accumulated Depreciation	(8,20,03,819.64)	**13,92,63,858.18**
Security Deposits		**25,00,00,000.00**			
			Investments		
Current Liabilities			Investments in Scheduled Banks - FCRA	14,88,00,000.00	
Provisions	1,36,12,831.02		Investments in Scheduled Banks - Non-FCRA	17,40,00,000.00	
Sundry Creditors			Investments in Financial Institutions - FCRA	1,30,51,000.00	
Retention	5,42,711.31		Investments in Financial Institutions - Non-FCRA	1,21,18,000.00	
Advances			Investments in Mutual Funds	14,53,82,338.91	**49,33,51,338.91**
Deposits (Readers and Borrowers ALRC)	2,88,151.00		**Current Assets**		
Employees Co-Operative Society	2,17,954.00		Closing Stock	97,27,321.04	
ESI Employee's Contribution Liability	10,113.00		Deposits (Asset)	7,46,518.60	
ESI Employer's Contribution Liability	43,586.00		Loans & Advances (Asset)	1,04,30,104.19	
Income Tax Deducted at Source (TDS) for Vendors	1,87,893.00		Accrued Interest	42,51,099.00	
Liabilities - Others	13,65,120.89		Sundry Debtors	4,95,791.81	
PF Employee's Contribution Liability	1,56,833.00		Cash-in-Hand	10,580.00	
PF Employer's Contribution Liability	1,41,139.00		Bank Accounts	1,04,32,673.17	
Royalities Payable	90,365.57		Others	175.38	
Duties & Taxes	65,859.38	**1,67,22,557.17**	*Input GST*	10,41,776.43	**3,71,36,039.62**
Total		**66,97,51,236.71**	**Total**		**66,97,51,236.71**

For The Theosophical Society
N. Secrest
(N. Secrest)
Treasurer

COMPILED BY US
For SRIHARI & CO.,
Chartered Accountants
Partner

THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY
Budget 2043-2025

Expense						Income					
	2022-2023	2022-2023	2023-2024	2023-2024 @ 30.9.2023	2024-2025		2022-2023	2022-2023	2023-2024	2023-2024 @ 30.9.2023	2024-2025
Particulars	**Budget**	**Actuals**	**Budget**	**Six months**	**Budget**	**Particulars**	**Budget**	**Actuals**	**Budget**	**Six months**	**Budget**
Buildings, Grounds and Support						**Buildings, Grounds and Support**					
Bhojansala & Leadbeater Chambers	3 371 208	2 994 081	4 213 569	1 461 949	3 778 745	*Bhojansala & Leadbeater Chambers*	1 050 000	2 435 037	1 210 000	709 774,57	2 500 000
Garden	4 617 319	3 215 439	5 437 228	1 150 875	4 456 958	*Garden*	300 000	2 389 963	200 000	62 518,00	200 000
General Manager's Office	119 500	164 370	667 776	159 059	731 428	*General Manager's Office*	-	-	-	-	-
Headquarter's Projects	-	-	-	-	-	*Headquarter's Projects*	-	-	-	-	-
Housekeeping	3 504 608	3 186 582	4 194 307	1 868 951	4 302 984	*Housekeeping*	-	-	-	-	-
Information Technology	387 300	369 490	607 000	338 274	2 070 000	*Information Technology*	-	-	-	-	-
Maintenance	23 022 189	15 087 879	42 739 694	5 844 902	41 363 969	*Maintenance*	1 575 000	507 666	750 000	208 549,00	540 000
Sanitation	1 035 267	774 651	1 039 897	355 338	960 762	*Sanitation*	10 000	-	-	-	-
Security	5 981 678	5 152 841	6 458 387	2 322 159	5 565 926	*Security*	700 000	-	700 000	-	700 000
Totals	42 039 069	30 945 333	65 357 858	13 501 507	63 230 771	*Totals*	3 635 000	5 332 666	2 860 000	980 842	3 940 000
Charitable Works						**Charitable Works**					
Adyar Nature & Enviornment Centre	310 000	1 200	180 300	-	180 300	*Adyar Nature & Enviornment Centre*	-	3 500	130 000	1 000	-
Besant Memorial Animal Dispensary	22 263 234	22 035 531	26 712 084	14 696 618	26 689 555	*Besant Memorial Animal Dispensary*	5 300 000	20 401 318	10 070 000	11 988 750	25 050 000
Besant Memorial Animal Dispensary II	4 738 950	-	-	-	-	*Besant Memorial Animal Dispensary II*	1 200 000	-	-	-	-
Besant Scout Camping Centre	11 260	-	-	-	-	*Besant Scout Camping Centre*	-	-	-	-	-
Education (OES)	738 000	623 700	600 000,00	3 582 600	700 000,00	*Education (OES)*	-	-	-	-	-
Education (TS)	568 000	614 381	755 000,00	364 045	980 000,00	*Education (TS)*	-	263 258	-	16 500	-
Free Dispensary and Medical Aid	406 419	449 378	442 754	186 320	482 312	*Free Dispensary and Medical Aid*	-	2 000	-	-	-
School Fees and Books	400 000	198 000	400 000	184 000	400 000	*School Fees and Books*	-	-	-	-	-
Theosophical Order of Service	500 000	169 500	130 000	-	300 000	*Theosophical Order of Service*	-	124 672	130 000	-	130 000
Welfare Grant	850 000	1 311 347	900 000	833 787	1 300 000	*Welfare Grant*	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	30 785 863	25 403 037	30 120 139	19 847 370	31 032 168	*Totals*	6 500 000	20 794 748	10 330 000	12 006 250	25 180 000
International Offices						**International Offices**					
President & Vice President	616 841	1 018 464	815 341	294 207	775 230	*President & Vice President*	-	-	-	-	-
Secretary's Office	561 932	492 177	496 594	157 652	935 440	*Secretary's Office*	3 000	2 462	2 000	1 103	-
Treasuer's Office	2 336 885	2 560 684	2 458 130	919 653	3 253 168	*Treasuer's Office*	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	3 515 658	4 071 325	3 770 064	1 371 512	4 963 838	*Totals*	3 000	2 462	2 000	1 103	-
Primary Cost Category						**Primary Cost Category**					
Theosophical Society	16 640 500	13 731 511	13 545 600	1 718 620	29 610 000	*Theosophical Society*	73 929 201	48 977 810	95 413 281	53 646 136,62	105 741 843
Propagation of Theosophy						**Propagation of Theosophy**					
Adyar Library and Research Centre	2 976 467	2 653 520	3 357 775	1 304 959	3 218 841	*Adyar Library and Research Centre*	305 000	1 171 059	625 000	221 787	650 000
Adyar Theosophical Academy	-	40 000	-	-	-	*Adyar Theosophical Academy*	-	166 295	-	-	-
Archives and Museum	896 469	810 024	943 318	352 421	1 037 801	*Archives and Museum*	-	28 665	15 000	834	15 000
Art Restoration Project	-	-	-	391 278	426 750	*Art Restoration Project*	-	-	-	1 247 456	2 460 000
Convention & Seminars	3 223 200	9 853 332	4 294 000	2 163	5 844 000	*Convention & Seminars*	2 600 000	2 473 948	2 500 000	2 090 647	2 700 000
Information and Public Relations	-	-	-	-	-	*Information and Public Relations*	-	-	-	-	-
Programs, Seminars, etc.	-	-	-	285 788	501 000	*Programs, Seminars, etc.*	-	-	-	-	-
School of the Wisdom	263 000	68 570	144 000	-	256 000	*School of the Wisdom*	-	1 290	-	-	-
Theosophy Science Centre	5 000	-	-	-	-	*Theosophy Science Centre*	-	-	-	-	-
The Theosophical Publishing House	3 490 384	3 716 300	2 453 248	1 816 417	4 307 765	*The Theosophical Publishing House*	2 850 000	3 735 842	3 080 000	2 415 012	4 190 000
The Theosophist & Adyar Newsletter	1 638 414	756 170	2 212 465	866 428	1 399 614	*The Theosophist & Adyar Newsletter*	76 000	230 038	115 500	70 500	167 000
TS World Congress	-	-	-	-	3 245 500	*TS World Congress*	-	-	-	-	-
Vasanta Press	2 152 691	942 044	1 936 354	961 005	2 552 073	*Vasanta Press*	50 000	87 952	35 000	10 220	35 000
Totals	14 645 625	18 839 960	15 341 160	5 980 458	22 789 345	*Totals*	5 881 000	7 895 090	6 370 500	6 056 456	10 217 000
Total Cost Categories	107 626 715	92 991 166	128 134 821	42 419 467	151 626 122	*Total Cost Categories*	89 948 201	83 002 776	114 975 781	72 690 788	145 078 843
Notes:	Budget includes a 7% salary increment.					Total Income					145 078 843
	Donations have not been budgeted except where we are relatively certain of receipt.					Less: Total Expenses					(151 626 122)
						Plus: Utilization of Funds					10 154 853
						Surplus/(Deficit) TS Budget					3 607 574

Theosophical Society
CAPITAL BUDGET
FISCAL 2024-2025

ALRC	**Rs**	
Manuscripts Section - High end PC	1,50,000	PC with 32" screen, i7 proccessor, 8 GB graphics card, 16 GB RAM, 4 TB HDD
Manuscripts Section - Table with stand and lights for camera	40,000	To be custom made
Manuscripts Section - Cameras (2) - Nikon DSLRs body only	1,50,000	
Manuscripts Section - Cameras (2) - 35mm lens	1,00,000	
Manuscripts Section - YDLIDAR scanner	60,000	www.robu.in - YDLIDAR
Manuscripts Section - Backup Storage Server	2,00,000	TG30 Lidar - 360 deg laser range scanner (30m)
Manuscript Section - PC for manuscript catalogue access	60,000	
LMS - Server for library catalogue data	1,00,000	
LMS - PCs (5) for access to books catalogue data at various points	3,00,000	
LMS - PCs (2) for data entry	1,40,000	
Total - ALRC	**13,00,000**	
LBC & BHOJANASALA		
Purchase of a new Washing Machine for NQ	30,000	
Total - LBC & Bhojanasala	**30,000**	
BMAD		
BMAD pipeline & sump	25,00,000	
Operation Theatre - Modification + Addnl Equipment	7,00,000	
Fabrication of Wildlife Enclosures (3)	9,00,000	
Total BMAD	41,00,000	
SECRETARY		
Laptop	70,000	
Color laser printer	40,000	
Total Secretary	**1,10,000**	
SECURITY		
Cabin for SWC Security Guard	50,000	
Purchase of CCTV Cameras (5)	50,000	At Main Gate, TPH Gate, Library Gate, Olcott School & LBC
PC for monitoring CCTVs	60,000	
Total Security	**1,60,000**	
TPH		
PC with software	70,000	Replacement PC - with MS Word
Tota - TPH	**70,000**	
EDITORIAL		
Chairs (5)	30,000	Adjustable height chairs (5)
Total - Editorial	**30,000**	
VASANTA PRESS		
High End Scanner	2,00,000	Suitable for book scanning and reproduction
PC with software	1,00,000	I5 or above processor, 16MB RAM + Adobe Acrobat and MS Office software
Total - Vasanta Press	**3,00,000**	
GM's OFFICE		
PC with Software (2)	70,000	For Shikhar, Sivakumar - Laptop, PC replacements
A3 size photocopier pr inter	1,40,000	For photocopying printing drawings, legal & A3 documents in large volumes
Total - GM's ffice	**2,10,000**	
TREASURY		

Laptop	70,000	
Total - Treasury	**70,000**	
TS BUILDINGS AND INFRASTRUCTURE		
Building Improvements		
ATA Temp Classrooms @ Vasanta Press	25,00,000	2 classrooms, Toilet blocks - boys, girls, staff; lab + staff room
SWC Classroom renovation	17,00,000	Roof tiles repl; Painting - 2 classrooms
OMHSS Classrooms	40,00,000	6 Classrooms - W/p; roof tiles dismantling; int+ext chipping & plastering; Painting & Carpentry
Beach Cottages Renovation	25,00,000	
Rose Bldg - Renovation	15,00,000	W/p; Tank dismantling; Painting - inner + outer, window replacement; Electrical rewiring, Carpentry
Sunflower - Renovation	36,00,000	W/p; Electrical rewiring - all 5 units, FF Toilet renovation, Plumbing, Doors, windows repairs, Painting - Int+ext
NQ - Other Projects	20,00,000	Modification of Toilets
Krishnamurthy Room renovation	25,00,000	
ALRC Renovation	40,00,000	
Furniture Godown Construction (New)	15,00,000	
OMHSS New Classroom Construction	15,00,000	
Total Building Improvements	**2,73,00,000**	
Kirby - ATA School Project - Phase I (part)	**7,50,00,000**	
OMHSS - Fencing	40,00,000	Boundary fencing
BMAD Fencing	10,00,000	
Riverside Fencing	25,00,000	
Total Fencing	**75,00,000**	
Roads		
Concrete Road relaying	25,00,000	Part road length relaying
Bitumen Road Relaying	25,00,000	
Total Roads	**50,00,000**	
Water Supply Projects		
Main OH Tank Project	70,00,000	Water treatment plant, constrn - new tank
VP OH tank Project	10,00,000	Int plastering, motor room reconstrn
Sapota Garden Pipelines	5,00,000	
Total WaterSupply Projects	**85,00,000**	
Sanitation Projects		
Residences - Sanitation infra renovation	5,00,000	Saraswati, Manjeri, SC 7
Construction of Toilets (2) & sanitation infra for Security	11,00,000	At TPH Gate and at Main Gate
Renovation of toilets for Olcott School	10,00,000	
Total - Sanitation Projects	**26,00,000**	
Electrical Infrastructure		
CEIG Projects - lamp posts repl (Main)	90,00,000	
CEIG Projects - lamp posts repl (South)	60,00,000	
Other CEIG projects	5,00,000	
Beach Cottage Street Lighting	10,00,000	
Earthing reconstruction - buildings	10,00,000	
Replacement of strip wiring - residences	15,00,000	
Other Offices - Internal wiring replace	5,00,000	
Total Electrical Infrastructure	**1,95,00,000**	
Plant and Machinery		
Building Ladders	10,00,000	

Solar system - Energy: BMAD	10,00,000
Solar System - water heating, energy	10,00,000
Pumps & motors replacements	3,00,000
Portable Air Conditioner - Art Restoration Project	3,33,000
Total Plant & Machinery	**36,33,000**
Total Projects Capex	14,90,33,000
Total Other Capex	63,80,000
Total Capex	15,54,13,000
Funds received from sales of DRCs	(15,54,13,000)
Surplus/(Deficit) Capital Budget	-

HEADQUARTERS

ADYAR, CHENNAI 600 020
INDIA

OFFICERS AND HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS FOR (October 2023 – September 2024)

Executive Committee:

1.	Mr Tim Boyd	*President*
2.	Dr Deepa Padhi	*Vice-President*
3.	Ms Marja Artamaa	*Secretary*
4.	Ms Nancy Secrest	*Treasurer*
5.	Mr Pradeep Gohil	*General Council Member*
6.	Mrs Jenny Baker	*General Council Member*
7.	Prof. C. A. Shinde	*General Council Member*
8.	Mr Jaikumar Kannan	*Member*
9.	Mr A. L. Somayaji	*Member*

General Manager		Mr Jaikumar Kannan
Adyar Library	*Director* (*Sanskrit Studies*)	Mrs Radha Raghunathan
	Librarian	Ms Jaishree Kannan
Editorial	*Head*	Mr Sukesh
Garden	*Superintendent*	Ms Thilagavathi Manogaran
Housekeeping	*Superintendent*	Mrs Vijaya Ravindran
Leadbeater Chambers and Bhojanasala		
	Superintendent	Mrs Veena Ramachandran
Maintenance	*Superintendent*	Mr U. Elangovan
Medical Service	*Doctor*	Dr R. Revathy
Museum and Archives	*Officer in Charge*	Ms Jaishree Kannan
Sanitation	*Superintendent*	Mrs Vijaya Ravindran
School of the Wisdom	*Director*	Mrs Erica Georgiades
Security	*Superintendent*	Mr K. Ravindran
Theosophical Publishing House		
	Acting Manager	Mr Jaikumar Kannan
Vasanta Press	*Manager*	Mr S. Baskar

OLCOTT EDUCATION SOCIETY

	Chairman	Mr Tim Boyd
	Secretary	Mr Jaikumar Kannan
	Treasurer	Mr T. S. Jambunathan, until April 2024
		Ms Nancy Secrest from April 2024
Olcott Memorial School	*Headmistress*	Mrs R. Lalitha
	Director	Dr P. Thirumalai
Social Welfare Centre	*Manager*	Mrs Gargi Ravindran
Vocational Training Centre	*Director*	Mrs Gargi Ravindran
Besant Memorial Animal Dispensary		
	Coordinator	Mr Shravan Krishnan
HPB Hostel	*Warden*	-

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SUMMARY OF STATISTICS 2024

National Societies and Sections	**26**
Regional Associations	**12**
Presidential Agencies	**13**
Lodges Attached to Adyar	**7**
Total Lodges	**952**
Total Centres	**287**
Total Membership 2023	**24 858**
Total Membership 2024	**25 855**

	Number of			
Section / Area	**Lodges**	**Centres**	**Members**	
1. Africa, East & Central	5		114	S
2. Africa, South	6		94	S
3. Africa, West	11		200	S
4. America, Central	1	1	15	R
5. Argentina	17	8	281	S
6. Asia, South-East	4	1	862	P
7. Australia	7	7	683	S
8. Austria	2		47	R
9. Bangladesh	6		55	P
10. Belgium	8		60	S
11. Bolivia	6	3	70	P
12. Brazil	33	23	624	S
13. Canada	6		104	R
14. Chile	3		79	R
15. Colombia	5	2	32	P
16. Costa Rica	4		56	P
17. Cuba	12		572	S
18. Dominican Rep.	2	2	53	P
19. England	20	2	534	S
20. Finland	147	1	287	S
21. France	22		163	S
22. Germany	7	3	128	S
23. Greece	9		128	S
24. Hungary	1		35	P
25. Iceland	2		140	S
26. India	411	129	13 506	S
27. Indonesia	9	1	200	S
28. Ireland	2		83	R
29. Italy	23	16	729	S
31. Mexico	12	4	167	S
32. Netherlands	10	6	377	S
33. New Zealand	10	4	462	S
34. Norway	1	1	12	R
35. Pakistan	NA	NA	NA	P
36. Peru	2		31	P
37. Philippines	21	6	167	S
38. Portugal	8	2	104	S
39. Puerto Rico	3	1	47	P
40. Russia	9		143	R
41. Scotland	3	1	82	R
42. Slovenia	5	2	71	R
43. Spain	12	9	329	S
44. Sri Lanka	3		60	P
45. Sweden	6		169	S
46. Switzerland	2	2	28	P
47. Togo	1		18	R
48. Ukraine	7	1	103	S
49. Uruguay	5		55	R
50. USA	32	48	3 316	S
51. Venezuela	2		16	P
Subtotal	**945**	**286**	**25691**	

Attached to Adyar	**Lodges**	**Centres**	**Members**	
Croatia, Lotus Lodge	1		12	L
France, Ananda	1	1	15	L
France, Arc de Ciel	1		18	L
Israel, Covenant Lodg	1		61	L
Paraguay, Fraternidad	1		17	L
Qatar, Blavatsky Lodg	1		9	L
USA, Orlando Lodge	1		17	L
Adyar, Fellows-at-Large			15	
GRAND TOTAL	**952**	**287**	**25 855**	

S=Section, R=Regional Association, P=Presidencial Agency, L=Lodge attached to Adyar

THE ADYAR LIBRARY AND RESEARCH CENTRE (ALRC)

The Adyar Library continues its work with notable progress, including the adoption of the Koha software under Swami Chitgaananda's guidance. The library currently houses 1,39,707 books, including 3,473 rare titles. During the International Convention 2023, the Adyar Library and Research Centre hosted an exhibition commemorating Mrs. Radha Burnier's birth centenary and the 10th anniversary of her passing, featuring her photographs, writings, and translations. The library has been revitalized, and a 'Sanskrit Beginners' Course for staff and TS residents will soon be introduced by the Director, Dr. Radha Raghunathan.

The "Libraries as Communities" program, held monthly on Saturdays at 11 a.m., continues to draw readers and visitors. The schedule of speakers and topics includes:

- Dr Chitra Madhavan (11.11.2023): *Gems of Indian Architecture and Sculpture*
- Dr Ambika Kameshwar (16.12.2023): *Natya: An Exploration*
- Panel Discussion (20.01.2024): Moderated by K. Jaikumar with previous session speakers.
- Ms Nancy Secrest (10.02.2024): *Altruism, Compassion & Service*
- Mrs Malathi Pandurang (09.03.2024): *Aesthetic Practice in the Art of Ikebana*
- Mrs Angelika & Mr. Sriram (20.04.2024): *Natya Yoga*
- Mr C. N. Sethuraman (25.05.2024): *The Hidden Life*
- Ms Jaishree Kannan (28.09.2024): *Adyar Library — A Treasure Trove*

Additional speakers and topics are planned for the coming year, ensuring continued engagement and learning opportunities.

Ms Jaishree Kannan
Librarian

ADYAR THEOSOPHICAL ACADEMY

Adyar Theosophical Academy (ATA) marked its sixth academic year with notable progress in holistic education, infrastructure, and student engagement, catering to 201 students from Nursery to Grade 7. The year was enriched by interdisciplinary approaches through workshops, innovative projects, field trips, and cultural celebrations. Milestones included transforming the Vasanta Press godown into classrooms and a laboratory, and plans for a new school building at Kirby Gardens. ATA's dynamic programs included *The Time Traveller's Odyssey*, a Social Studies event bringing history alive through themes like the Mesozoic Era and Indus Mela, and *Wonderscape*, an exhibition showcasing student projects during the International Convention. Cultural events like *Umang* celebrated artistic expression through traditional dances and plays, while field trips and overnight stays at Auroville and Agastya Science City emphasized sustainability, science, and traditions. Experiential learning flourished with STEM work-

shops, robotics, and practical initiatives like crocheting and biodegradable packaging, fostering critical thinking and team-work. ATA's fifth anniversary featured student performances and a session with a NASA engineer, while Independence Day celebrations included a musical tribute to rivers. Heritage festivities like Krishna Jayanthi and Onam immersed students in Indian culture through crafts and culinary activities. Teacher development was prioritized through workshops on child protection, gender sensitization, AI in education, and storytelling, complemented by interactions with global educators to refine ATA's theosophical education approach. Rooted in experiential learning, cultural appreciation, and environmental responsibility, ATA continues to inspire curiosity, creativity, and a sense of global citizenship in its students.

Ms Sonal Murali
Administrator

BESANT MEMORIAL ANIMAL DISPENSARY

BMAD continues to grow annually, treating over 20,000 outpatient cases, performing 400+ major surgeries, and conducting 2,500+ animal birth control procedures each year. The shelter admits over 900 critical inpatients, including road accident victims, abandoned animals, and those with severe illnesses like cancer. This year marked the expansion of its diagnostic facilities with a new biochemistry machine and the transformation of an old scouts camp into a Rs. 15 lakh wildlife unit for injured urban wildlife, complete with enclosures, a surgery unit, and treatment areas, ensuring separation from domestic animals to prevent zoonotic disease spread. A major achievement was the rescue and successful rehabilitation of Spot-billed Pelicans during the Ennore oil spill in collaboration with the government. BMAD's efforts have been recognized by the Animal Welfare Board of India and the Tamil Nadu State Board for Animal Welfare.

Mr Shravan Krishnan
Coordinator

BLAVATSKY MUSEUM

The Adyar Museum's 2024 activities focused on the restoration of paintings, both framed and unframed, many of which had not been displayed in years. To accommodate this meticulous work, additional space was prepared on the Ground Floor of the Main Building, where neighboring rooms were cleared and repurposed for restoring canvases and watercolors. Key steps included photographing the paintings' backs to document signatures, repairs, and inscriptions, as well as consulting experts for sensitive paint restoration. Questions about the origins and historical context of some works remain under study. A significant

milestone was the relocation of delicate paintings to a new Archive Space equipped with modern air conditioning and accessible to select visitors with special permission, offering a serene and secure environment for these treasures. Additionally, all museum rooms now feature an advanced alarm system, combining enhanced security with improved accessibility.

Dr Bernd Jesse
Curator of the Collection

OLCOTT EDUCATION SOCIETY

No report.

Mr Jaikumar Kannan
Secretary

THE SCHOOL OF THE WISDOM

From October 2023 to October 2024, SOW offered five on-campus courses and an expanded selection of online classes, including five courses in English and three in Spanish.

In October 2023 it started with "The Higher Spiritual Path School of the Wisdom," led by Dr William Wilson Quinn. In November, Dr Jayandra Soni and Dr Luitgard Soni explored "Jainism and its Context in Indian Philosophy and Literature." January 2024 saw Prof. Ravi Ravindra teaching "Love and Death in Great Spiritual Traditions," followed in February 2024 by Prof. C. A. Shinde with "Spiritual Self-Transformation and Three Streams of Evolution." Enriching the programmes, Shikhar Agnihotri led a "Contemplative Walk-through Nature and History" at the Adyar Campus for all participants, while Jaishree Kannan facilitated chanting workshops.

The online English classes offered included: "The Living Wisdom of The Voice of the Silence" with Erica Georgiades in March/April; "The Yoga-Sũtra as a Science of Self-Knowledge: A Theosophical Approach" with Dr Ricardo Lindemann in May; "The Quest for Truth: Integrating Science, Philosophy & Religion" with Prof. P. Krishna in June; and "Examining the Buddha's Teachings" with Ms Tran-Thi-Kim-Dieu in September. Spanish-language online classes comprised: "Las Dimensiones del Trabajo Teosófico" with Otavio Ernesto Marchesini in January 2024; "La Muertey Después, Desde Otra Perspectiva" with Ángeles Torra Burón; and "Meditación, un Encuentro con La Paz Interior" with María Mengelt and Georgina Téllez Salazar in May and June, respectively.

Special thanks to Catalina Isaza-Cantor for her secretarial work, and to Francisco Cuevas for his tireless efforts in hosting numerous online classes. Appreciation also goes to the entire SOW team for their invaluable assistance with hosting, video editing, and more.

Mrs Erica Georgiades
Director

SURENDRA NARAYAN ARCHIVES

Surendra Narayan Archives hosted a well-researched, interesting exhibition "The Spirit of Adyar, 'A Journey into the Past'" during the 148th International Convention at Adyar. Many delegates visited the Archives and took time in reading and also enjoying the interesting photographs that were displayed. The Surendra Narayan Archives attracts genuine, interested scholars both from India and abroad. The scholars are provided the necessary documents & photographs under the able leadership & guidance of President Mr Tim Boyd.

Ms Jaishree Kannan
Officer in Charge

THE THEOSOPHICAL ORDER OF SERVICE

The Theosophical Order of Service (TOS) operates in 36 of the 59 countries where the Theosophical Society is active, fostering service through humanitarian, ecological, and educational initiatives. While the *TOS: Intouch* e-Newsletter has been on hiatus, plans are underway to resume it, alongside updates to the TOS website and increased activity on its international Facebook page. Preparations were ongoing for the 5th International TOS Conference, held in July 2025 at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, Canada. This year, the TOS mourned the loss of two dedicated leaders: Bro. B. L. Bhattacharya, former TOS India Director, and Bro. Hamid Mayet, TOS Pakistan President. Notable new initiatives include the Odisha TOS's paper plate industry to provide employment, Akola TOS's distribution of solar lamps to a village without electricity, and the Spanish TOS's establishment of a foundation to finance sustainable projects. Ongoing efforts include support for Ukrainian refugees, disaster relief in India and Bangladesh, women's empowerment, education, youth engagement, animal welfare, and ecological projects, with healing groups active in almost all countries. TOS members remain committed to HPB's teachings in *The Key to Theosophy*, embodying active altruism through their selfless service to humanity and all living beings.

Ms Nancy Secrest
TOS Secretary

THE THEOSOPHICAL PUBLISHING HOUSE (TPH)

During the year from October 2023 to September 2024, TPH reprinted 89 out-of-stock titles, ensuring that all 336 book titles were available for sale during the 148th International Convention held at Adyar last year. As is customary during the convention, all available TPH titles were offered at a 33% discount. This year, however, the sale location was shifted from the Vasant Press building in the Besant Gardens campus to the Kasi Vilas building near the Administration Building. This change in venue was well-received by the delegates, who appreciated the added convenience.

Mr Jaikumar Kannan
Acting Manager

WORLD FEDERATION OF YOUNG THEOSOPHISTS (WFYT)

Since its revival in 2022, the World Federation of Young Theosophists (WFYT) has engaged young members globally through study groups, meditations, and creative initiatives. Programs include book discussions on *At the Feet of the Master* and *Practical Occultism*, weekly meditation sessions, and a monthly Astrology Study Group. Writing remains a cornerstone, with newsletters, articles, and a magazine showcasing members' reflections. WFYT has also launched a leadership program for preparing young theosophists for lodge roles and a children's book featuring member-contributed art. Key gatherings include the 2023 Youth Gathering in Adyar, which marked WFYT's centennial with workshops and discussions on Annie Besant's *The Spiritual Life*, and the 2024 gathering in Bhowali, India, where 26 participants explored core theosophical concepts under the guidance of Shikhar Agnihotri. In October 2024, the WFYT elected its 2024–2026 Board: Beth Vaughan (England and Wales, UK), Elmer Overdevest (Netherlands), Francis Lim (Singapore), Leo Ta (Australia), Merike Martsepp (Estonia), Stephanie Guinevere Vargas Cuellar (Bolivia), and Vighnesh RVS (India). The Board, publicly introduced in November, is focused on sustaining projects and expanding membership, now at 220 active members. Upcoming events include the International Gathering in Adyar in December 2024, themed "Creation and Care of Sacred Spaces" and led by Kurt Leland, as well as a June 2025 gathering in Naarden, mentored by Pablo and Michelle Sender. Through these efforts, WFYT continues to promote thought, service, and deeper engagement with theosophy worldwide.

Board Members

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SUMMARY OF STATISTICS 2024

National Societies and Sections	**26**
Regional Associations	**12**
Presidential Agencies	**13**
Lodges Attached to Adyar	**7**
Total Lodges	**952**
Total Centres	**287**
Total Membership 2023	**24 858**
Total Membership 2024	**25 855**

	Number of			
Section / Area	**Lodges**	**Centres**	**Members**	
1. Africa, East & Central	5		114	S
2. Africa, South	6		94	S
3. Africa, West	11		200	S
4. America, Central	1	1	15	R
5. Argentina	17	8	281	S
6. Asia, South-East	4	1	862	P
7. Australia	7	7	683	S
8. Austria	2		47	R
9. Bangladesh	6		55	P
10. Belgium	8		60	S
11. Bolivia	6	3	70	P
12. Brazil	33	23	624	S
13. Canada	6		104	R
14. Chile	3		79	R
15. Colombia	5	2	32	P
16. Costa Rica	4		56	P
17. Cuba	12		572	S
18. Dominican Rep.	2	2	53	P
19. England	20	2	534	S
20. Finland	147	1	287	S
21. France	22		163	S
22. Germany	7	3	128	S
23. Greece	9		128	S
24. Hungary	1		35	P
25. Iceland	2		140	S
26. India	411	129	13 506	S
27. Indonesia	9	1	200	S
28. Ireland	2		83	R
29. Italy	23	16	729	S
31. Mexico	12	4	167	S
32. Netherlands	10	6	377	S
33. New Zealand	10	4	462	S
34. Norway	1	1	12	R
35. Pakistan	NA	NA	NA	P
36. Peru	2		31	P
37. Philippines	21	6	167	S
38. Portugal	8	2	104	S
39. Puerto Rico	3	1	47	P
40. Russia	9		143	R
41. Scotland	3	1	82	R
42. Slovenia	5	2	71	R
43. Spain	12	9	329	S
44. Sri Lanka	3		60	P
45. Sweden	6		169	S
46. Switzerland	2	2	28	P
47. Togo	1		18	R
48. Ukraine	7	1	103	S
49. Uruguay	5		55	R
50. USA	32	48	3 316	S
51. Venezuela	2		16	P
Subtotal	**945**	**286**	**25691**	

Attached to Adyar	**Lodges**	**Centres**	**Members**	
Croatia, Lotus Lodge	1		12	L
France, Ananda	1	1	15	L
France, Arc de Ciel	1		18	L
Israel, Covenant Lodg	1		61	L
Paraguay, Fraternidad	1		17	L
Qatar, Blavatsky Lodg	1		9	L
USA, Orlando Lodge	1		17	L
Adyar, Fellows-at-Large			15	
GRAND TOTAL	**952**	**287**	**25 855**	

S=Section, R=Regional Association, P=Presidencial Agency, L=Lodge attached to Adyar

REPORTS OF WORK

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NATIONAL SOCIETIES AND SECTIONS

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LODGES ATTACHED TO ADYAR

(Where necessary, reports have been translated, edited or condensed)

NATIONAL SOCIETIES AND SECTIONS

AFRICA, EAST AND CENTRAL

Founded 1947, membership 114. The East & Central African Section comprises Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, and Zambia. Over the years, the Section has faced a decline in attendance and Theosophical activities due to economic challenges, political instability, and poor governance, particularly in Kenya. The Blavatsky Lodge, Mumbai (established in 1880), has historic ties with the Lodges in East Africa, fostered by shared travels and interactions, such as Bro. C. Jinarajadasa's notable visit to Mombasa. This relationship was recently renewed when Mr. Arni Narendran of Blavatsky Lodge visited Nairobi Lodge in June 2024, emphasizing goodwill and collaboration. However, the Covid pandemic exacerbated attendance issues, as elderly members faced health and technological barriers, limiting participation in both physical and online meetings. Efforts to attract younger members have been challenging, with economic pressures and organizational struggles hindering the Lodges' growth and sustainability. The Lodges' activity levels vary, with Nairobi, Kitwe, and Nile Lodges holding regular or semi-regular meetings, while Dar-es-Salaam Lodge has remained inactive except for its TOS contributions. Mufulira Lodge continues to host the Annual Public Speaking.

Mr Narendra M. Shah
General Secretary

AFRICA, SOUTH

Founded 1909, membership 94. The Southern Africa Section has faced challenges in recovering pre-2020 attendance levels at Lodge meetings, though efforts to maintain consistent participation have resulted in an average of 12 members per meeting. A strategic meeting of Lodge Presidents and Section Committee members in January 2024 focused on ways to grow the Lodges, but while new attendees occasionally join meetings, this has not yet translated into new memberships. The Section retained all existing members during the past year, and hopes are pinned on a new website to attract broader interest. Despite the impact of local political and economic decline on daily operations, the Section has enhanced its theosophical content and placed greater emphasis on the practical applications of the teachings for daily and spiritual living.

Mr Desmond Douglas Chapman
General Secretary

AFRICA, WEST (CAMEROON, GHANA, LIBERIA, NIGERIA)

Founded 1956, membership 200 (2023). (No report)

Dr Kwadwo Tutu
General Secretary

ARGENTINA

Founded 1920, membership 281. The Theosophical Society in Argentina remains focused on the Lodges' fulfillment of the Three Objects, emphasizing the unique value of face-to-face meetings. Over the year, eight books were edited and printed in Spanish, including works by N. Sri Ram, H.P. Blavatsky, and A. Besant, while three titles were re-edited, such as *Evolution of the Higher Consciousness* by P. Sender. The Society's YouTube channel expanded to 472 videos with over 4,500 subscribers, and a national virtual course was introduced in areas without Lodges. Two major events took place at the San Rafael Theosophical Center: the 57th Summer School in February, focused on "Anthropogenesis," with 76 attendees, and the Winter School in July on "Karma." Additionally, in October, a weekend program titled "Searching for the Meaning of Life" was held in San Lorenzo, engaging members from various regions in deep study and reflection on *The Mahatma Letters to A.P. Sinnett*.

Mr Leandro Cesano
General Secretary

AUSTRALIA

Founded 1895, membership 683. Theosophical Society (TS) in Australia experienced significant growth and revitalization in 2023–2024. Key highlights included a visit by International President Tim Boyd, who spoke at the Australian Convention in Perth and toured several TS lodges, energizing the community. The development of a National Strategic Plan aims to increase membership by 5% over the next three years, with a special focus on engaging young Theosophists. The national journal, *Theosophy in Australia*, underwent a redesign under new editor Walter Mason, and the Springbrook TS Education and Retreat Centre in Queensland appointed new managers to support its sustainable growth. Additionally, the Executive Committee appointed various committees, including those for Education, Finance, and the Retreat Centre, to better support the Section's ongoing activities. The National Headquarters and TS centres across Australia continued to thrive with volunteer support and new initiatives. The January 2024 National Convention in Perth, themed *"The Wisdom Traditions, The Great Teachers, The One Life,"* received positive feedback and set the stage for the 2025 Convention in Hobart. The Education and Training Committee continued to oversee programs such as the University Prizes in Perennial Phil-

osophy, while the Campbell Library expanded its collection with key additions. Digital resources were enhanced through the Online Public Access Catalogue and regular Zoom study sessions. Local lodges and groups across Australia hosted diverse educational events, with highlights including a "Death Café" in Melbourne and meditation retreats in Brisbane. The TS in Australia remains dedicated to its mission of promoting spiritual understanding, supported by the commitment of volunteers and the broader community.

Mr Stephen Mcdonald
General Secretary

BELGIUM

Founded 1911, membership 60. In Belgium, lodges maintained regular activities, including publishing newsletters, organizing in-person and hybrid meetings, and hosting national events such as White Lotus Day, Founders Day, Adyar Day, and Annie Besant Day. Study groups regularly explored works by authors like Annie Besant, Krishnamurti, Taimni, Rohit Mehta, and Aryal Sanat, while healing and peace meditations were conducted in collaboration with the Belgian TOS. The year's highlight was the visit of International President Tim Boyd and Lily Boyd, who met with Belgian members at the Brussels headquarters for an informal yet meaningful discussion on Brotherhood before continuing their European tour.

Ms Sabine Van Osta
General Secretary

BRAZIL

Founded 1920, membership 624. Throughout the reporting period, the National Section of the Theosophical Society in Brazil modernized its online presence by redesigning its website and enhancing its social media platforms. A new video production department enabled the creation of engaging and visually refined content. Two major events marked this period: the 43rd Summer School, themed *The Meaning of Life and the Art of Living*, held in Chapada dos Guimarães, and the 30th International School and Winter Seminar, focused on *Theosophical Education and Spiritual Transformation*, at the Theosophical Institute of Brasília, drawing significant participation both on-site and online. Weekly Online Study Groups continued to explore works like *The Key to Theosophy*, *The Mahatma Letters*, and *The Secret Doctrine*, fostering deep engagement among members. The Theosophical Society further advanced its mission through a comprehensive program of hybrid and online studies, meditation sessions, public lectures, and specialized courses, such as the second Online Introduction to Theosophical Thought Course. The Pedagogy of Self-Transformation course advanced the Theosophical Schools in Brazil Project,

preparing for the country's first theosophical school in 2025. The Besant Educational Association introduced a hybrid edition of its Classical Yoga Teacher Training Course, while the Theosophical Order of Service launched humanitarian initiatives and projects promoting vegetarianism. Additionally, the Theosophical Publishing House celebrated a productive year, releasing new titles and planning future publications. Centers like the Raja Theosophical Center focused on infrastructure and member recruitment, while international efforts emphasized Theosophy's expansion in Russia and Africa and global unity. These initiatives underscore the Society's dedication to spiritual education, service, and outreach.

Mr Otavio Ernesto Marchesini
General Secretary

CUBA

Founded 1905, membership 572. Due to very serious social and economic crisis in Cuba, the Cuban Section has been undergoing many difficulties to perform its duties and work.

Mr Fidel Carranza Macías
General Secretary

ENGLAND & WALES

Founded 1888, membership 534. The Theosophical Society in England and Wales continues its mission through its Headquarters and 21 Lodges and Centres, offering various educational and spiritual opportunities. Headquarters organized 21 online Sunday evening talks covering diverse topics such as "The Life and Influence of HPB" and "Realising the Undescended Self". Lodges and Centres offer study groups focused on core texts such as *The Secret Doctrine*, *The Bhagavad Gita*, and *The Key to Theosophy*, with talks on subjects like Meditation, Karma, and The Tao Te Ching. The White Lotus Group also hosted 21 fortnightly sessions, deepening members' understanding of Theosophy. In addition to regular talks, two major events were held: the Trans-Pennine Conference, focusing on "Man's Spiritual Journey," and the Summer School, which delved into *The Mystery of Life and Death*. Both events were highlighted by inspiring talks, including the prestigious Blavatsky Lecture given by Petra Meyer on "The Mystery of Life and its Cyclic Evolution." The Society continues to produce its quarterly magazine *Esoterica* and offers online diploma courses in Theosophy. Although membership slightly declined, interest in the Society's teachings has grown, as reflected in the increasing engagement with its website and social media. The Society remains dedicated to promoting brotherhood and the oneness of life during challenging times.

Mrs Jenny Baker
General Secretary

FINLAND

Founded 1907, membership 287. The Finnish Section held its annual general meeting on May 25th, leading to the election of a new board on June 30th, with Janne Vuononvirta returning as general secretary. A highlight of the year was the summer school in Helsinki, focusing on the *Mahatma Letters*. Members participated in various international theosophical events, and public lectures were hosted weekly at the Helsinki headquarters. The section consists of 17 lodges, which organized numerous lectures, study days and seminars. Kreivilä celebrated its 70th anniversary. Publications included recordings of lectures, a quarterly magazine, and new editions of the *Mahatma Letters* in Finnish and Estonian.

Mr Janne Vuononvirta
Vice Chairman

FRANCE

Founded 1899, membership 163. At TS France, bi-monthly hybrid courses, online meditation sessions, and public lectures continue to engage participants. Founders Day, Adyar Day, and White Lotus Day were celebrated with active members and public supporters. A study group on *The Mahatma Letters*, in collaboration with the Belgian Section, attracts participants from Spain and beyond, while another group helps new members establish a foundation in theosophical teachings.

The year's highlight was the National Convention, featuring Tim Boyd, International President, who spoke on *"Living Spiritually in a Chaotic World."* Members appreciated the opportunity to engage with him directly in a private session. TS France's online presence grew significantly through social media, YouTube, and newsletters, attracting younger audiences and inspiring many new members. Editions Adyar expanded its book offerings and introduced subscriptions to *The Theosophist* and the *Adyar Newsletter*. The TS library remained active, hosting researchers, while archival efforts focused on restoring French membership records. *Le Lotus Bleu* magazine, published ten times a year in print and digital formats, saw an increase in subscribers due to successful promotions.

Ms Trân-Thi-Kim-Diêu
General Secretary

GERMANY

Founded 1902, membership 128. The German Theosophical Society held its main event, the Summer School, in July at Tann-Larbach, with Frank Henkel presenting "Dead and Dying" via Zoom. The event featured lively discussions, Qi Gong exercises, and a scenic excursion to Wasserkuppe. Future Summer Schools will be held in autumn to coincide with the 150th anniversary celebrations in Vancouver. In addition to this, regular group meetings and monthly online

sessions continue to attract members from Germany, Austria, and Switzerland, with growing participation due to high-quality speakers. Membership has slightly decreased to 128, but members remain active in various TOS-related activities. *The Adyar Magazine* is published three times a year, and German authors within the TS, including Peter Michel, Anja Schreiber, Gabrièle Franklin, Manfred Ehmer, and Katarina Michel, continue to contribute their works to meetings and online platforms.

Mrs Manuela Kaulich
General Secretary

GREECE

Founded 1926, membership 128. On March 10, 2024, Erica Georgiades was elected as the new General Secretary of the Theosophical Society in Greece. All Lodges conducted lectures and study sessions focused on the Society's core objectives, celebrating Foundation Day, White Lotus Day, Adyar Day, and the Summer Solstice. Fundraising for headquarters renovations in Athens led to upgrades to the lecture hall, kitchen, refectory, and library, with further improvements needed. The Society also renovated an apartment for rental in central Athens. The Greek Theosophical Publishing House updated its offerings, including a revised edition of *Practical Occultism* and plans for other major publications. The magazine *Ilios* is now distributed electronically. Portuguese artist Joma Sipe designed a new membership certificate, and a key focus of the new General Secretary is encouraging in-person interactions at TSG events. The Society mourned the passing of former General Secretary Alexandros Bousoulengas on August 11, 2024, holding a memorial service in his honor.

Mrs Erica Georgiades
General Secretary

ICELAND

Founded 1921, membership 740. The highlight of the year was the cele-bration of the 100th anniversary of the Theosophical Society in Iceland, marked by a gathering at our house in Reykjavík. We also hosted several successful musical events focused on mystical music, fostering a sense of unity among attendees. Weekly Friday lectures covered various theosophical topics and personal experiences, attracting an engaged audience. Numerous other gatherings were held with great success, alongside the initiation of renovations on our house, which will continue in 2025. Additionally, we launched a new website, <lifspekifelagid.is>, designed for registrations, payments, and article publication, though it remains under construction.

Mr Haraldur Erlendsson
General Secretary

INDIA

Founded 1891, membership 13,506. During the Theosophical year from October 1, 2023, to September 30, 2024, the Indian Section of the Theosophical Society achieved significant milestones. The most notable accomplishment was winning a long-standing legal battle regarding the ownership of a 17-acre property in Varanasi, a process initiated in 2018. This success, secured after overcoming legal and personal threats, reinstated the Indian Section's rightful claim to the land after 117 years. Membership growth was another highlight, with a net increase of 1,275 members, bringing the total to 13,506. The abolition of admission fees and annual dues contributed significantly to this growth. Online lectures on Theosophical topics, including 103 sessions organized by Bro. Pradip Mahapatra, gained widespread participation. Additionally, the fourth "Dr. Radha Burnier Award of the Theosophist of the Year" was presented to Bro. S. G. Sanath Kumar for his lifelong contributions to Theosophy.

The Section's infrastructural and administrative initiatives also progressed. A temple was completed near the Rohit Mehta Hostel, and work on an amphitheatre is underway. The Bharata Samaja Temple, made of marble, will be consecrated in October 2024. Additionally, land adjoining the ropeway station was leased, generating revenue, and a large property was leased for redevelopment with provisions for the Section's bookshop and dispensary. Publications remained a priority, with monthly issues of *The Indian Theosophist* in English and Hindi, and a quarterly e-newsletter *Insigh*t gaining regular circulation. Members are preparing for the 12th World Congress in Vancouver, with 104 participants finalized. Despite some ongoing legal challenges, such as compensation claims for land acquisition in Varanasi, the Indian Section continues to thrive, focusing on outreach, infrastructure, and strengthening its spiritual and educational initiatives.

Mr Pradeep H. Gohil
General Secretary

INDONESIA

Founded 1912, membership 200 (2023). (No report)

Mr Widyatmoko
General Secretary

ITALY

Founded 1902, membership 729. The year of the Italian Section's Theosophical work was successful, with a blend of in-person and digital activities. Two new books in Italian were printed, and a conference on "Economy, Society, and Care in Human Relationships" took place in Vicenza during the Festival of Relationships. A Silent Retreat in Abano Terme was held, and an Italian dele-

gation attended the 148th International Convention in Adyar. The 2024 Theosophical Seminar in Ascona had significant participation, and Tran-Thi-Kim Dieu gave a lecture in Milan. The International President, Tim Boyd, visited in June, and the Young Theosophists continued their translation work and podcasts.

The Italian Theosophical Society's website attracted significant interest, with over 150 new entries and regular updates. The monthly newsletter has over 3,900 active users, and the Society's social media presence on Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube continues to grow, with the YouTube channel reaching over 4,000 subscribers. The "Wednesdays with the T.S." initiative has been successful, consistently attracting 60-100 participants. The Society maintains strong connections with the International Theosophical Society and European Theosophical Federation, with active members on key international committees. The work of the Theosophical Order of Service has expanded, and the Italian Section remains committed to the principles of Theosophy and Universal Brotherhood.

Mr Antonio Girardi
General Secretary

MEXICO

Founded 1919, membership 167. The Mexican Section of the Theo-sophical Society operates through Lodges and Study Centers both in-person and via Zoom, enabling participation across the country and beyond due to Mexico's large geographical size and the limited number of centers. These Lodges focus on various topics, including "The Secret Doctrine" (facilitated by Damodar, Morya, and HPB), "The Bhagavad Gita" and "Evolution of Higher Consciousness" (Aura), "The Ocean of Theosophy" (Jantepusi), and various esoteric studies (Tonanzi, Shiva, and Luz de Oriente). Despite challenges such as health issues among members and leaders like the President of the Puchkara Lodge in Querétaro, activities have continued, including weekly Theosophical talks, a workshop on karma and relationships led by Dr Isaac Jauli, and the "School of Theosophy" in October 2023 on "The Nature of the Mind," facilitated by Mexican speakers. These events were recorded and shared on platforms like YouTube and Facebook. Communication is maintained through multiple channels, with special recognition to the OTS in Mexico, for its contributions. Despite personal and organizational difficulties, the commitment to Theosophy and its principles, as established by Helena P. Blavatsky, remains strong.

Ms Juana Leonor Maldonado Ruiz
General Secretary

THE NETHERLANDS

Founded 1897, membership 377. The Dutch Section and the International Theosophical Centre (ITC) at Naarden collaborated closely this year, organizing a variety of events through a unified Activities Committee. Highlights included thematic days like the Autumn Day on *Karate-Do and The Secret Doctrine* and the workshop on *End-of-Life Care*, which drew significant interest. A Youth Conference and Young Theosophists Day focused on engaging younger participants, while the Dutch Language Summer School and Introductory Day catered to local members with accessible content. The Annual Members Meeting marked a leadership transition, with Ingmar de Boer succeeding Wim Leijs as General Secretary. Meditative retreats, traditional Friends' Days, and presentations on topics such as yoga philosophy enriched the year's offerings, emphasizing inclusivity and deeper exploration of theosophical principles.

Mr Wim Leys
General Secretary

NEW ZEALAND

Founded 1896, membership 462. The past year in the New Zealand Section was marked by both challenges and significant accomplishments, reflecting a commitment to Theosophical values and spiritual inquiry. Despite instances of disharmony, progress was made in program development, drawing renewed interest and new members. A key highlight was the January 2024 Summer Convention in Christchurch, focusing on the theme of the soul's journey. The new hall in Christchurch symbolized resilience, rising from the earthquake-damaged building of a decade ago. The School of Theosophy in April, led by Australian speaker Barry Bowden, garnered positive feedback, and his subsequent nationwide tour further enriched members' experiences. Events like the Immersion Weekend and Theosophical Sundays offered diverse opportunities for study, while framed presentations of the Society's Three Objects were distributed to centers. The Section also made contributions to Adyar's art restoration and infrastructure projects. Despite a slight membership decline, the Section, now re-registered under new legal requirements, continues to support its 10 branches and affiliated centers with dedication.

Mr Richard Sell
General Secretary

THE PHILIPPINES

Founded 1933, membership 167. During this period, the section transitioned away from pandemic-era online activities while continuing *Midweek Meditation* sessions to train facilitators and engage the public. The first in-person National Convention since the pandemic was held in November 2023

in Cagayan de Oro, themed "*Wisdom in Action: Catalyzing Theosophical Growth*," with 50–60 attendees, despite a strong earthquake. Other key events included onsite public talks in January 2024, White Lotus Day with international online participation, the Visayas-Mindanao Federation Convention in June 2024 in Bacolod amidst a Kanlaon volcano eruption, and an August Self-Transformation Seminar at the national headquarters. Efforts to improve technology and communication included the launch of "Wisdom with Ferdz," a bi-monthly discussion group aiming to produce a publication for lodges. Youth engagement was vibrant, with members participating in international events, while TOS activities expanded with Golden Link College opening a new campus in Bulacan. Lodges like Manila, Rizaliana, and Godea celebrated milestones, with Godea Lodge marking its 31st anniversary through seminars, a vegetarian buffet, and outreach. Publications such as *The Philippine Theosophist*, *Theosophical Digest*, and *Peace Ideas* continued, while dormant lodges were reactivated, and hybrid setups were tested to expand participation.

Mr Charlton Jules Romero
General Secretary

PORTUGAL

Founded 1921, membership 104. Throughout 2023-2024, the Theosophical Society in Portugal maintained its regular activities, including celebrating traditional commemorative days significant to its history. Both in-person and online sessions were held, with at least three well-attended public sessions monthly, offering a variety of formats such as public talks and discussion groups. The Portuguese Section's website remained a key resource for information about its history and activities, complemented by a regularly published newsletter and increasing engagement through social media platforms. Lodges and Study Groups also continued their work consistently, fostering participation, collective inquiry, and efforts to attract new members and supporters.

Mr Carlos Guerra
General Secretary

SPAIN

Founded 1921, membership 329. This year, alongside regular activities such as public lectures, courses, seminars, and meditation retreats, the Section had the privilege of hosting the International President during the last week of June. Members attended public lectures in Arjuna and Madrid, with opportunities to meet and discuss the work of the Society. The Sister Section of Portugal organized an online conference titled "Theosophy in Times of Uncertainty," with good participation from both countries, enhanced by simultaneous Spanish translations of all lectures. In December, the 17th edition of the retreat

in Malaga, conducted by Trān-Thi-Kim-Diễu, focused on the four Bodhisattva vows, inspiring and enriching many participants. Additionally, Pablo Sender spoke on the practical aspects of studying the Secret Doctrine, with nearly a hundred attendees at the School.

Mrs Angels Torra-Buron
General Secretary

SWEDEN

Founded 1895, membership 169. The TS membership in Sweden is slowly increasing. The Swedish Section of the Theosophical Society has had an active year with various activities, including four issues of the magazine *Tidlös Visdom* (Timeless Wisdom) sent to all members. They organized open house events in January and September 2024 and a range of study groups and courses on Theosophy, Raja Yoga, and *The Secret Doctrine*. Notable lectures included topics such as the spirituality of Nicholas Roerich's paintings, the body-mind problem, and mysticism within Christianity. Member gatherings included Foundation Day, White Lotus Day, and a Christmas party. Study weekends and a summer school featured guest lecturers and focused on subjects like Esoteric Christianity and meditation. The bookshop in Stockholm operated regularly, with monthly book presentations. Online activities are also robust, with an active website, Facebook group, and YouTube channel for spreading lectures. Additionally, the Swedish Section continues to support the Mango Tree school project in Goa, India.

Mrs Birgitta Skärbo
General Secretary

UKRAINE

Founded 2013, membership 103. The work of the Society in Ukraine took place on a regular basis, taking into account the special conditions of the war. The TS in Ukraine has 7 Branches and one Interregional Study center. Unfortunately, contact with members living in Crimea, Yalta has been completely lost. The work has been done mainly online for almost 5 years, but the General Secretary has visited Branches and conducted seminars in Kyiv, Zhytomyr, Dnipro, Odesa. All working groups had regular meetings. The Theosophical Order of Service works most actively, in cooperation with TOS centers of other countries of the world. This year the TOS Secretary from Spain, Mr. Alejandro Bueno Lantero, visited TS in Ukraine. Gratitude to all for the support to Ukraine. There is an active All-Ukrainian public theosophical lecture hall, School of lecturing skills, Scientific group, Department of Education. Social networks are being actively developed. Four electronic magazines are published, one of which - translations of articles from the Adyar magazine - was launched this year. We have high hopes for the New Year and continue our work and service.

Mrs Svitlana Gavrylenko
General Secretary

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Founded 1886, membership 3316. The Theosophical Society in America (TSA) had a productive year, highlighted by its successful Summer National Convention with a record 239 attendees and a new extended program format. The TSA terminated its relationship with Far Horizons camp and the closure of the Ozark Theosophical Camp. Despite this, significant progress was made at Olcott headquarters, such as becoming a level II arboretum after planting 50 trees and completing various infrastructure upgrades. The TSA's various departments achieved notable milestones: the Archives expanded their collections and continued digitization projects, while the audio-visual Department produced 178 new online programs. IT enhanced the organization's digital infrastructure, and the National Secretary initiated new membership programs, increasing engagement through classes and study centres. Departments like Maintenance, Marketing, and Public Programs expanded outreach and activities, including hosting a hybrid Summer National Convention and the popular TheosoFest, attended by about 3,000 people. Quest Book Shop saw growth in revenue and services, while Quest Magazine maintained its high quality publication standards. The Theosophical Publishing House transitioned its Quest Books imprint to Red Wheel/Weiser, focusing on core Theosophical publications. Supporting departments, such as Accounting, Housekeeping, and Information, ensured smooth operations, while the dedicated staff contributed significantly to TSA's mission. The TSA remains committed to advancing Theosophy through unity and compassion.

Mr Douglas Keene
General Secretary

REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

AMERICA, CENTRAL

Founded 1929, membership 15. At present The Theoshopical Society of Central America is formed by one lodge and one study centre. This year, the study focused on *The Masters and The Path* by C. W. Leadbeater, exploring the teachings on the role of spiritual masters and their influence on the path of discipleship. Additionally, an introductory course on Theosophy, based on HPB's *The Key to Theosophy*, was offered through the Google Meet app, providing participants with a comprehensive overview of Theosophical principles and teachings.

Mrs Beatriz Elisena Martinez Pozas
Organizing Secretary

AUSTRIA

Founded 1891, membership 47. In 2023, TS Austria faced significant challenges, including the closure of the Vienna lodge "Alcione" on October 6. Currently, there are two active lodges in Austria. The Blavatsky Lodge in Graz has stabilized after a period of decline, with a new board working effectively, while the Johannes Lodge in Linz remains a small but active group. Weekly lectures and bi-monthly study groups for young people are organized, along with three annual study weekends in Ulrichsberg. Since March 24, 2024, the leadership has emphasized a return to core Theosophical works and the three objectives of Theosophy. The recent difficult experiences have helped foster a deeper understanding of true brotherhood, and there is a strong commitment to fraternal exchanges with other Theosophical groups, particularly in German-speaking countries. The future of the organization looks promising.

Mrs Karin Waltl
Organizing Secretary

CANADA

Founded 1924, membership 104. In 2023-2024, the Canadian Theosophical Association (CTA) continued its bi-weekly meetings, primarily focused on the seminars by Pablo and Michele Sender, with Pablo joining the final Zoom session for a recap and Q&A. The organization enhanced its online presence through its website, Facebook, and YouTube, hiring an expert to optimize results. The CTA fostered connections with unaffiliated lodges in Toronto and Vancouver, inviting them to the 2025 World Congress, and celebrated the chartering of a new lodge in Calgary, bringing the total to six. Across Canada, members studied a range of Theosophical texts, including *The Secret Doctrine*, *The Bhagavad*

Gita, and works by I.K. Taimni, Pablo Sender, and Annie Besant. Looking ahead, the CTA's focus will be on preparing for the 2025 World Congress and continuing its efforts to expand its membership and improve the transmission of Theosophical teachings throughout Canada.

Mr Robert Béland
Organizing Secretary

CHILE

Founded 1920, membership 79. The Annual Report of the Theosophical Society in Chile highlights activities conducted between October 1, 2023, and September 30, 2024, under the motto "*Practical Brotherhood: A Path to Peace*." Public events included six lectures and introductory courses on Theosophy, both in-person and online, resulting in increased engagement and 12 new members. Lodges such as Arundhati, Amor, and Santiago held regular meetings, focusing on texts like *The Key to Theosophy* by H. P. Blavatsky and *The Science of Yoga* by I.K. Taimni, along with hosting public lectures. The Education Department, led by Ana Gloria Bustos, organized workshops, study groups, and a public lecture series, with notable attendance. Efforts to digitize the library and remodel its space were supported by generous donations of equipment and books. A new regional study group was established following online courses for participants outside the capital, and promotion via social media platforms further broadened outreach.

Mr Eric Concha Munoz
Organizing Secretary

IRELAND

Founded 1919, membership 83. New members of TS in Ireland have primarily joined through the Theosophy in Ireland website and are warmly welcomed with basic TS materials. On May 18, 2024, the 17th All Ireland Convention was held successfully in Dublin, with attendees from all four provinces of Ireland. The theme, "Practical Theosophy and the Joy of Service," was presented by Organising Secretary Marie Harkness, followed by a Q&A session and refreshments. The Belfast and Phoenix Lodges held regular meetings with meditations, inspiring talks, and study discussions based on TS texts. This year, TS Ireland plans to experi-ment with Zoom meetings to make them more accessible. Members received regular study notes on core texts such as *Letters on Basic Theosophy*, *The Voice of the Silence*, and *The Bhagavad Gita*. Overall, it has been a successful year, with heartfelt thanks to all the TS Ireland Officers for their support.

Ms Marie Harkness
Organizing Secretary

NORWAY

Founded 1913, membership 12. The only active local group of the Theosophical Society in Norway is the Strømmen (Stroemmen) Local Group, with a few solitary members also affiliated. After a period without Zoom availability, the local group has resumed offering meetings online. Regular meetings were held throughout the year, covering various subjects and speeches. In 2024, the Theosophical Society in Norway plans to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Society, with events planned for White Lotus Day in May and Foundation Day in November. No changes were made to the laws this year.

Mr Audun Solberg
Organizing Secretary

RUSSIA

Founded 2013, membership 143. The Theosophical Society in Russia achieved significant milestones, includ-ing receiving the status of a Regional Association on November 17, 2023. This achievement reflects years of collaborative effort by members across the country. The Society organized four key events combining online and in-person participation: the All-Russian Congress in Moscow, the Conference in Kemerovo, the Forum in Smolensk, and the Seminar in Makaryevka. Each event highlighted unique themes such as Practical Theosophy, Universal Intelligence, and Spiritual Health, featuring lectures, roundtables, and cultural activities. Additionally, online programs flourished, with weekly lectures, studies of foundational texts like *The Secret Doctrine*, and international collaborations. The Russian School of Wisdom continued to explore the Mahatma Letters, while the Light of Truth Lodge held roundtable discussions on diverse theosophical topics.

The Society advanced its digital initiatives, enhancing the Theopedia online encyclopedia with translations, comparative studies, and resources related to H.P. Blavatsky's works. Publications included restored editions of *From the Caves and Jungles of Hindostan* and *Gems from the East*, alongside preparations for the final volume of W. Q. Judge's Collected Writings. A project featuring daily short videos of aphorisms was completed, and new media channels on YouTube, Telegram, and other platforms expanded outreach. Through these endeavours, the Society maintained its focus on education, research, and dissemination of theosophical teachings, fostering a vibrant community across Russia and beyond.

Mr Svyatoslav Lipsky
Organizing Secretary

SCOTLAND

Founded 1910, membership 82. Membership has remained stable. Whilst there has been a very slight fall here, interest in Theosophy in the Glasgow

area is increasing and it is hoped that our membership shall increase over the next two years. After a short recess, Glasgow Lodge have resumed their regular Theosophical study group. Organising Secretary, Gary Kidgell gave a presentation entitled 'Theosophical Principles and the Spiritual Path' followed by group discussions at our AGM. Our three lodges and our study group are functioning well providing talks and study/discussion groups for members.

Mr Gary Kidgell
Organizing Secretary

SLOVENIA

Founded 1992, membership 71. Theosophical Society in Slovenia (TSS) has five lodges and two study centres. One of the Lodges, directly attached to Adyar, joined the Society last year and became the fifth Lodge. The work takes place at the Theosophical meetings in the Lodges and also meetings once a week via the ZOOM platform — the members have expressed their interest for this way of working for the future so that members from all Lodges can attend the meetings (31 meetings have been held). All Memorial Days were organized and celebrated at the Society level — the birthday of Annie Besant was celebrated via ZOOM; all the others were celebrated with physical gatherings. TSS issues the magazine The Theosophical Thought, for now only in digital format and also has its own website www.teozofskodrustvo.si.

Mrs Irena Primc
Organizing Secretary

TOGO

Founded 1997, membership 18 (2020). No report.

Mr Kouma Dakey
Organizing Secretary

URUGUAY

Founded 1925, membership 55. The past year for the Theosophical Society in Uruguay was marked by a gradual return to normality, prompting reflections on potential post-pandemic approaches to study and outreach. Activities included a return to foundational studies such as *Karma, Dharma* by A. Besant, *The Voice of the Silence*, and the initiation of R. Steiner's *The Wisdom of Fairy Tales*. A Chi Kung Master resumed in-person classes open to members and sympathizers. The Society also engaged with conferences and courses from Spanish-speaking sections, reinforcing its theosophical studies and outreach efforts. Gratitude was expressed to all contributors to these initiatives, with warm wishes for the continued fraternal spirit of the Society.

Mr Ramón García
Organizing Secretary

PRESIDENTIAL AGENCIES

ASIA, EAST AND SOUTH-EAST

Founded 1990, membership 862. The East and South East Asia Presidential Agency reported steady growth for the year ending 30 September 2024, primarily due to the remarkable expansion of the Chinese Project Team under the Singapore Lodge. While Singapore maintained a robust schedule of weekly lodge meetings and study sessions, it also accommodated new Associate Members from China. China achieved significant growth, with members now spanning 21 provinces and multiple regions, municipalities, and cities. Activities in China included monthly lectures, reading clubs, meditation sessions, daily blog publications, and the translation of 10 theosophical books. This year also marked the first in-person meeting of the Chinese Project Team during the grand opening of Singapore's new premises. Malaysia, Japan, and Myanmar also contributed to the Agency's activities. The Selangor Lodge in Malaysia hosted regular talks, reading sessions, and meditation gatherings. In Japan, online study sessions were held three times a month alongside the publication of a quarterly newsletter, and the membership increased. No report was received from Myanmar due to ongoing turmoil. Despite regional challenges, the Agency continues to focus on outreach and theosophical education, leveraging technological advancements and collaborative efforts across countries to promote the Society's principles and teachings.

Mr Chong Sanne
Presidential Representative

BANGLADESH

Founded 2013, membership 55. No report.

Mr Subrata Chowdhury
Presidential Representative

BOLIVIA

Founded 1965, membership 70. During the 2023-2024 management period, the Theosophical Society in Bolivia focused on strengthening fraternal bonds, studying core texts, and expanding outreach. The Society now has six branches in La Paz and Cochabamba, and centres in Santa Cruz, Tarija, and Oruro. Several study groups met regularly to discuss texts like *Meditations on the Occult Life*, *Human Regeneration*, *Self-Culture*, and *The Secret Doctrine*. National workshops and lectures covered a wide range of topics, including karma, the divine plan, and life after death. Key events included a national workshop on *The*

Voice of Silence, and workshops on "Change and Regeneration," as well as visits from prominent international speakers like Enrique Reig and Isaac Jauli. Additionally, yoga classes were offered, and the Dora Crespo Occult Library is in the process of being digitized for international access. Public talks and introductory courses were also part of the outreach efforts, helping to engage new members and the wider community in Theosophy.

Ms María Luisa Cabrera Padilla
Presidential Representative

COLOMBIA

Founded 1937, membership 32. During the 2023–2024 period, the Colombian Section of the Theosophical Society actively engaged in both virtual and in-person activities across its lodges. Spinoza, Sol (Ecuador), and Luz Lodges operated exclusively online, while Arco Iris Lodge combined formats, attracting members from Argentina and Spain, and Medellín Lodge hosted in-person sessions. Efforts to expand study groups focused on Bogotá and extended to Medellín, Pasto, Palmira, and Ecuador via virtual platforms. Key studies included *The Secret Doctrine*, *The Key to Theosophy*, and Taimni's *Man, God and the Universe*, fostering comparative exploration of theosophical themes. Plans are underway to reactivate the Brahma Vidya School and Theosophical Dissemination Fund in 2024, including introductory courses and expanded outreach. The group "Encounters with Krishnamurti" continued virtually, with support for in-person meetings at the headquarters. The magazine *Selección Teosófica* was distributed virtually, promoting comparative studies and aiming for future physical editions. Catalina Isaza Cantor and Armando Motta Zapata played key roles in international and regional theosophical activities, contributing to lectures, workshops, publications, and youth initiatives. The Society advanced its mission through sustained efforts in dissemination and study on local, national, and international levels.

Mr Armando Motta Zapata
Presidential Representative

COSTA RICA

Founded 1997, membership 56. The activities of the Theosophical Lodges in Costa Rica during the year showcased dedication to study, teaching, and fraternity despite challenges. The Virya Lodge celebrated 120 years of continuous work, held 46 sessions (14 virtual), and continued studying key texts such as *The Key to Theosophy* and *The Seven Schools of Yoga*. The Shakti Lodge conducted a 10-week Introductory Course to Theosophy on *The Key to Theosophy* and fundamental teachings. Dharma Lodge focused on the study of texts like *Light on the Path* and *At the Feet of the Master*, alongside community-building activities like an

excursion. Helena Blavatsky Lodge studied works by H.P. Blavatsky and others, emphasizing topics like anthropogenesis and the Paramitas, and hosted study sessions for *The Mahatma Letters*. Special celebrations such as Annie Besant Day, Founders Day, and White Lotus Day were organized collaboratively with Lodges. The Presidential Agency facilitated events like the Winter School on self-transformation and study groups exploring practical applications of Theosophical teachings. Despite membership decreases, the Lodges maintained stability and worked to foster fraternity, while emphasizing the process of self-transformation and Theosophical dissemination.

Mrs Cecilia Calderón
Presidential Representative

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Founded 1987, membership 53. In 2024, the Atma Lodge of the Theosophical Society in the Dominican Republic celebrated significant events, including White Lotus Day and the initiation of new members, while participating in activities with the Inter-American Theosophical Federation. Courses such as "Theosophy for All," workshops on myths and consciousness, and the ongoing study of the "Compendium of the Secret Doctrine" were highlights. Notable seminars like "Internal Life" and lectures by Dr Isaac Jauli and others focused on self-knowledge, meditation, and theosophical teachings. Weekly healing rituals, the study of key theosophical texts, and collaborative efforts with Nueva Aurora Lodge advanced their mission to explore and disseminate theosophy. The Nueva Aurora Lodge complemented these efforts with their study of Ernest Wood's *The Seven Rays* and Geoffrey A. Barborka's *The Divine Plan*, alongside monthly talks and weekly gatherings to promote theosophical studies. With 24 active members, they continued to collaborate on virtual and in-person initiatives to broaden the reach of their teachings.

Mrs Magaly Gracia de Polanco
Presidential Representative

HUNGARY

Founded 1907, membership 35. The year featured monthly public lectures on Theosophical topics, such as the Mystery of Buddha and Occult Chemistry, which were recorded and shared on YouTube. White Lotus Day was observed in remembrance of H.P.B. Articles from *The Theosophist* were translated into Hungarian for Lodge meetings and uploaded online, while significant translation efforts included *Letters from the Masters of Wisdom, Series I* and re-translations of *The Science of Yoga* and *The Masters and the Path*. A reprint of *The Voice of the Silence* was arranged due to demand. Daily "Good Morning messages" continued, drawing from texts like *The Conquest of Illusion*. Community events

included a year-end dinner and a team-building gathering. The Hungarian TOS faced challenges due to aging members, economic pressures, and difficulty attracting younger members, leading to its dissolution after 14 years, though the Virtual Healing

Group remains active.

Ms Adrienne Nagyiday
Presidential Representative

PAKISTAN

Founded 1948. In 2024, the Karachi Theosophical Society marked several milestones reflecting its enduring dedication to Theosophy and community service. The 138th birth anniversary of Jamshed Nusserwanjee was celebrated on January 21, with Mayor Murtaza Wahab renaming the Karachi Municipal Building in his honor. On July 5, the community mourned the passing of Mr. Hamid Mayet, whose leadership and service were fondly remembered. The Foundation Day of the Theosophical Society, held on November 17, featured eminent speakers reflecting on its founding mission. Throughout the year, KTS supported TOS Pakistan initiatives such as Qandeel Home Schools (serving 300 children), Jamshed Memorial School (now affiliated with the Aga Khan University Board), the Educational Sponsorship Program (aiding 300 students), and the Minwalla Montessori Institute (training 300 women teachers). Despite funding challenges, KTS reaffirmed its commitment to Theosophy, education, interfaith harmony, and social upliftment.

Mr Mushtaq Ali Jindani
Presidential Representative

PERU

Founded 1924, membership 31. From October 2023 to September 2024, the Theosophical Society in Peru conducted twelve public talks through Zoom — seven organized by Lodge HPB and five by Lodge Verdad — covering themes such as the meaning of life, the mind and health, women's spiritual evolution, synchronicity, and karma. No visitors were received during the period, and public courses faced low attendance due to the abundance of online options. Lodge HPB continued its study meetings, completing *There Is No Other Path to Follow* by Radha Burnier and beginning *The Mental Body* by Arthur Powell, while Lodge Verdad studied *The Key to Theosophy* by H. P. Blavatsky. Meetings were mostly hybrid or online, reflecting limited in-person participation. The Society celebrated its traditional anniversaries — the Foundation Day (November 17), Day of Adyar (February 17), and White Lotus Day (May 8) — all held virtually.

Mr Julio Pomar Calderón
Presidential Representative

PUERTO RICO

Founded 1925, membership 47. In 2023 and 2024, the Theosophical Society in Puerto Rico focused on reviving physical attendance at Sunday conferences, organizing events like Founders Day, Day of Adyar, and White Lotus Day, and hosting a workshop on "Evolution of the Higher Consciousness." Efforts were made to improve facilities, including reorganizing the library and repainting. Despite challenges in regaining post-pandemic participation, both regions are progressively fostering in-person engagement. Study lodges have shown satisfactory results, and there is ongoing collaboration between the two centres. Additionally, the Society is supporting the establishment of a new lodge in Quetzaltenango, Guatemala, with the hope of expanding its mission in Central America.

Mrs Magaly Gracia de Polanco
Presidential Representative

SRI LANKA

Founded 1926, membership 60 (2017). No report.

Mr D. A. L. Wanigasekera
Presidential Representative

SWITZERLAND

Founded 1910, membership 28. The Swiss Theosophical Society experienced a dynamic year in 2024, with activities spanning four Swiss cantons. Highlights included the inauguration of the renovated Geneva Lodge, now a hub for international and academic conferences, and notable events such as the European Seminar, the International Theosophical History Conference, and retreats in Ascona. Study meetings continued across lodges in Ascona, Geneva, Lugano, and Zurich, covering classical Theosophical texts and diverse themes like meditation, literature, and spirituality. Public lectures and conferences, including visits by international figures, fostered interest in Theosophy, with Geneva's new premises becoming a focal point for gatherings. Cross-collaborations, such as the partnership with the Archivio Luigi Pericle, further enriched the society's cultural and educational offerings. Regular meetings, public outreach, and international participation underscored a collective commitment to Theosophical principles and universal brotherhood.

Mr Andrea Biasca-Caroni
Presidential Representative

VENEZUELA

Founded 1953, membership 76. The Theosophical Society in Venezuela celebrated the 146th Foundation Day on November 20, 2022, and White Lotus Day on May 26, 2023. The Blavatsky and Fraternity Lodges meet every Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., maintaining the same schedule for efficient use of space and time. During the year, members studied *A los pies del maestro*, *La voz del silencio,* and *Luz en el sendero* by Annie Besant and C.W. Leadbeater. Efforts focused on spreading theosophical thought, including an exchange with the Sao Paulo brothers. On August 23, 2023, Brother Juan Carlos Sanchez presented a master conference, *The Theosophical Society: Two Centuries of Evolution*, at the Pythagorean Lodge in Sao Paulo, Brazil. Weekly meetings also include collective meditations for world peace, fostering fraternity and philosophical study.

Mrs Nelly Nouel
Presidential Representative

LODGES ATTACHED TO ADYAR

LOTUS LODGE (CROATIA)

Membership 12. Lotus Lodge meetings in Zagreb are held once a week, while in Opatija, one member focuses on maintaining the website, www.teozofija.net. As in the previous year, the annual subscription fee payable by each member will be sent to the International Treasurer.

Mr Ninoslav Volaj
Lodge Secretary

ARC-EN-CIEL AND ANANDA LODGES (FRANCE)

Membership 33. On November 17, 2023, members of the Arc-en-Ciel and Ananda Lodges gathered for Adyar Day, featuring a lecture by Jean Iozia titled *Adyar, Heaven of Peace*, accompanied by photographic projections. On January 13, 2024, the Arc-en-Ciel Lodge elected its officers: President Jean Iozia, Secretary Jean Charles Assali, and Treasurer Mireille Debeul, while the Ananda Lodge re-elected Brigitte Iozia as President, Eric Tremellat as Secretary, and Cécile Giuliani as Treasurer. Both lodges commemorated White Lotus Day on May 8, 2024, with readings from Theosophical texts. Throughout the year, the Arc-en-Ciel Lodge held monthly meetings at its headquarters, focusing on C.W. Leadbeater's *Man Visible and Invisible*, while the Ananda Lodge also met monthly to study Annie Besant's *Study on Consciousness*.

Mr Jean Iozia and Mrs Brigitte Iozia
Lodge Presidents

COVENANT LODGE (ISRAEL)

Membership 61. The 2023-2024 reporting year was marked by resilience and growth for the Theosophical Society despite the challenges of ongoing war and its impacts. Activities continued almost uninterrupted, primarily through Zoom, providing members with teachings that helped them cope with stress and trauma. Notably, investment in social media advertising brought significant engagement, with an increase in mailing list subscribers, new course participants, and membership growth from 56 to 61 members. Regular activities included weekly and biweekly Zoom sessions for members and the public, monthly in-person meetings, and focused studies on *The Secret Doctrine*. The Society also conducted introductory courses, workshops on mindfulness and meditation, and a seminar attended by 35 participants. Members actively volunteered to deliver lectures in community centers, reaching diverse audiences and lightly intro-

ducing Theosophical principles. Additionally, two study groups met monthly, and the Society's YouTube channel hosted a growing collection of educational videos.

Mr Abraham Oron
Lodge President

FRATERNIDAD LODGE (PARAGUAY)

Membership 17. In the Fraternity lodge, 36 virtual meetings were held through WhatsApp and Google Meet, with the participation of 17 members. The lodge library, which has more than 200 theosophical books, is supplemented by members' resources. Meetings, held on Mondays from 20:00 to 21:30, include readings from texts such as *The Mahatma Letters* compiled by A.T. Barker, *The Seven Dimensions of Being* by Pablo Sender, and terms from H. P. Blavatsky's *The Theosophical Glossary*, as well as topics such as the history of the Theosophical Society and the Septenary Constitution of Man.

Sr Blas Osvaldo Añazco Lopez
Lodge President

H. P. BLAVATSKY LODGE (QATAR)

Membership 9 (2017). No report.

Ganesh Shenoy
Coordinator

BLAVATSKY LODGE (SLOVENIA)

The Lodge joined Slovenian Regional Association in March 2023.

Ms Tatjana Ruzic
Lodge General Secretary

ORLANDO LODGE (USA)

No report.

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MINUTES

Theosophical Society General Council Meeting on 30 December 2024 at Adyar, Conference Hall and via Zoom meeting from 8:30 am IST

P R E S E N T

Mr Tim Boyd	*President*
Mrs Deepa Padhi	*Vice-President*
Ms Marja Artamaa	*Secretary;* proxy from Carlos Guerra
Ms Nancy Secrest	*Treasurer*
Ms Trān-Thi-Kim-Diễu	*Additional Member, General Secretary for France 2025*
Mrs Patrizia Moschin Calvi	*Additional Member,* proxy from Antonio Girardi
Mrs Linda Oliveira	*Additional Member,* proxy from Leandro Cesano
Mr Vinayak Pandya	*Additional Member*
Mr Marcos de Resende	*Additional Member*
Mr C. A. Shinde	*Additional Member*
Mr Shikhar Agnihotri	*Additional Member*
Mr Narendra Shah	*General Secretary. Africa East and Central*
Mr Stephen McDonald	*General Secretary. Australia*
Mrs Sabine van Osta	*General Secretary. Belgium*
Ms Trān-Thi-Kim-Diễu	*General Secretary, France*
Mr Pradeep Gohil	*General Secretary, India*
Mr Richard Sell	*General Secretary, New Zealand*
Mr Douglas Keene	*General Secretary, USA*

PRESENT via Zoom, online:

Mr Vicente Hao Chin, Jr	*Additional Member, ZOOM*
Mr Arend Heijbroek	*Additional Member, ZOOM*
Mr Otavio Ernesto Matchesini	*General Secretary, ZOOM*
Mr Desmond Chapman	*General Secretary, Africa South, ZOOM*
Mrs Jenny Baker	*General Secretary, England, ZOOM*
Mrs Manuela Kaulich	*General Secretary, Germany, ZOOM*
Mrs Erica Georgiades	*General Secretary, Greece, ZOOM*
Mr Ingmar de Boer	*General Secretary*, *Netherlands, ZOOM*
Mr Charlton Romero	*General Secretary, Philippines, ZOOM*
Mrs Angeles Torra-Buron	*General Secretary, Spain, ZOOM*
Mrs Svitlana Gavrylenko	*General Secretary*, *Ukraine, ZOOM*

Absent with proxies:

Mr Leandro Cesano	*General Secretary, Argentina* > proxy to Linda Oliveira
Mr Antonio Girardi	*General Secretary, Italy* > proxy to Patrizia Calvi
Mr Carlos Guerra	*General Secretary, Portugal* > proxy to Marja Artamaa

Absent:

Mr K.A. Tutu	*General Secretary, Africa West*
Mr Fidel Carrazana Macias	*General Secretary, Cuba*
Mr Janne Vuononvirta	*General Secretary, Finland*

Mr Haraldur Erlendsson	*General Secretary, Iceland*
Mr Widyatmoko	*General Secretary, Indonesia*
Mrs Juana Leonor Maldonado Ruíz	*General Secretary, Mexico*
Mrs Birgitta Skarbo	*General Secretary, Sweden*

OBSERVERS:

Ms Isis de Resende	*Brazil*
Mr Fransisco Cuevas	*Chile*
Ms Krista Umbjarv	*France*
Ms Isolde Shueltemeyer	*Germany*
Ms Mariel Poleman	*Netherlands*

The President welcomed those present and those via Zoom.
Roll-calls were made from those who joined via Zoom.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes of the meeting at ITC Naarden, the Netherlands, held on 6 July 2024, were approved with the following corrections:

Item 1: corrected Elena Bessie **Camplone** (not Campione)

Item 3: corrected **Narendra** Shah (not Narenda)

Item 6, 2: SBI Bank was mentioned twice, so the sentence to be deleted is 'The accounts in SBI (State Bank of India) are frozen until the status is accepted.'

2. Matters arising out of the Minutes

No matters arising from the Minutes.

3. Voting and confirmation of the Election of Additional Members.

The President had nominated Additional members to the GC under Rule 2 of the Rules and Regulations for years 2025, 2026, and 2027. 34 votes from 38 were received.

The President declared Mr Vic Hao Chin Jr and Mrs Linda Oliveira unanimously re-elected as Additional Members of the General Council for the 3-year term (2025, 2026, and 2027), with 34 votes in favor, 0 against.

The President declared Ms Krista Umbjärv unanimously elected as a new Additional Member for the 3-year term (2025, 2026, and 2027), with 34 votes in favor and 0 against.

It was noted from the minutes of 7 July 2024 that the President had declared Mr Shikhar Agnihotri unanimously elected as an Additional Member of the General Council from August 2024 until the end of 2027.

4. Report on the Non-English Publications Fund (NEPF)

The NEPF account held by the Theosophical Investment Trust under TS in America for TS Adyar was $85,157 USD as of March 31, 2024. No grants were requested in this period.

NEPF Committee members are Tim Boyd, Nancy Secrest, Marja Artamaa, and Trān-Thi-Kim-Diễu for 2024-2026.

5. Report on the International Funds

United States
ABC Fund (Annie Besant Commemorative Endowment Fund):
March 31: $2,220,992 USD (INR 19,33,90,014)
September 30: $2,248,378 USD (INR 19,26,85,995)
Australia
ABC Fund:
March 31: $80,181 AUD (INR 43,37,792)
September 30: $83,363 AUD (INR 45,09,938)
Adyar Security Fund:
March 31: $7,508 AUD (INR 4,06,237)
Netherlands
Adyar Renovation Fund:
December 26: €45,459.85 EUR (INR 4,40,065)

6. Treasurer's Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024

The Treasurer stated that the Ministry of Home Affairs denied the FCRA renewal application on March 31, 2024. As a result, the balance of 74,75,666 in our SBI bank and 16,18,51,000 in investments, made with FCRA donations are frozen.

Action is underway to reverse this.

The Treasurer presented in detail the Treasurer's Report and Audited Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024.

The GC members discussed the matters widely and thanked the Treasurer for the comprehensive work.

The Treasurer's Report and Audited Accounts were approved unanimously.

7. The Budget for the year ending 31 March 2026

The Treasurer presented the Budget in detail.
Priorities are:
- Electronic, furniture, and other needs of departments.
- Infrastructure improvements (electricity, plumbing, etc).
- School constructions (Kirby Gardens, Olcott School, Social Welfare Centre).

- Building renovations and safety enhancements.

Notable priorities:

- Kirby Gardens Phase I.
- Art Restoration Project and Eco Development initiatives.

GC unanimously approved the Budget for the year ending 31 March 2026.

8. Appointment of Auditors for the year ending 31 March 2026

M/s Srihari & Co. were re-appointed as Auditors for the year ending 31 March 2026 on the same terms as before.

9. Appointment of Executive Committee (EC)

The President nominated the same EC members for the Executive Committee for 2025.

All were in favor, none against.

The following were re-appointed as Executive Committee members for 2025:

Mr Tim Boyd	President (ex-officio)
Dr Deepa Padhi	Vice-President (ex-officio)
Ms Nancy Secrest	Treasurer (ex-officio)
Ms Marja Artamaa	Secretary (ex-officio)
Mrs Jenny Baker	General Council Member
Mr Pradeep Gohil	General Council Member
Prof. C. A. Shinde	General Council Member
Mr Jaikumar Kannan	Member
Mr A. L. Somayaji	Member

10. Report by the President on the Headquarters

Mr Joss Brooks

The President welcomed and introduced Mr Joss Brooks, Ecologist and head of the Pitchandikulam Forest Group, who currently directs of the Adyar Eco Development (AED) project.

Mr Brooks guided us through the development of the estuarine ecosystem opposite the Adyar river, highlighting practical examples of nursery care, and ecological restoration on the TS campus including:

- Naming plants in the nursery with notes on their natural and health-related effects
- Placing stone pillars with painted pictures and descriptions around campus
- Planting saplings, replanting trees, and caring for older trees such as the large Baobaob tree, which had lost a major branch

Mr Brooks also showcased the new AED office at the Garden of

Meditation,and the Olcott Bungalow, which is being transformed into a teaching hub, with rooms themed around different ecosystems to foster appreciation of their diversity, complexity, and interconnectedness. Circular stone seating areas have been created around the Bungalow, and older furniture is being thoughtfully repurposed. It was also noted that certain areas in the campus will remain undisturbed to preserve natural habitats and allow animals like jackals to maintain their territories.

Mr Brooks shared visual sketches of future water pods and outlined a broader waterworks plan for the campus.

To conclude, he introduced the concept of the Blue Green Centre, with two proposed locations: one at Olcott Bungalow and another at the Olcott School area. Chennai already hosts five such Centres.

GC expressed gratitude to Mr Brooks for his inspiring work and presentation.

Mrs Elif Kamisli

The President welcomed and introduced Elif Kamisli, the Director of the Art Restoration project, who shared the progress and accomplishments of the initiative.

The project established Adyar Conservation Laboratory with Anupama Gaur's company Art Restoration and Conservation Studio, New Delhi. The Lab is located in the Headquarters building and covers 8 rooms totaling 300 square meters. The project established a resource network for the project, including framers, art historians, chemical and stationery suppliers, storage unit providers, and insurance advisors; set up a photography studio in the old archives; arranged urgent cleaning of the magic lantern glass-slide cabinet to address termite damage; condition assessment and photography of 192 artworks and crafts. At the same time, two volunteers were trained to assist with restoration at the Lab. A security system was installed to safeguard the collection and facilities. Also, exhibitions were organized for the Convention, and interaction with visitors to promote and raise awareness of the restoration of arts.

A new storage facility was created at the Library building, featuring a hanging system and archival cabinets for unframed paper artworks. The artworks were moved in three phases from the Headquarters to the new Archives storage.

One focus was given to the miniature collection, with guidance from a field specialist. 68 artworks have been successfully restored.

The Art collection has 90 paintings & important works, 47 miniatures, 41 unimportant works, 6 etchings, 3 historical documents (TS), 2 textiles, and 3 artworks currently missing.

Further investigation is needed regarding the insurance and formal registration of artworks donated to the Theosophical Society.

11. Proposal for awards for Subba Row Medal on the Theosophical Society's 150th anniversary

The Greek Section has proposed giving the Subba Row medal to Mr Michael Gomes, a Canadian historian and author, for his lifelong dedication to writing and the dissemination of Theosophical literature. This was Unanimously approved.

Michael Gomes is currently completing the last Volume of the *Blavatsky Collected Writings*, which will be released at the 12th World Congress. At the same occasion, he will be awarded the Medal.

12. Report from the International Rules Committee

The Rules Committee consists: Chally Romero as the Chairman, Richard Sell, Marcos de Resende, and Trān-Thi-Kim-Diễu.

The Rules Committee presented the summary of the Rules changes and discussed the items.

At the previous meeting at ITC Naarden, we began discussing the word 'brotherhood' in the first object. Since it's not appropriate to alter the Memorandum of Association, which appears at the start of the Rules, it is possible to include a preamble that acts as a bridge between the MOA and the rules. This would help clarify the intent and context, offering an explanation or elaboration of what do we mean by the word 'brotherhood.'

Rules were gone through and the results are made on a separate paper.

GC continues with the tabled items at the next meeting.

Adjourned Meeting of 5 January 2025

13. Any other business

a.

Distribution of the Introductory book 'Exploring our true nature' is sent to TS representatives for printing and sharing with members and public.

b.

The TS in France has created a centralized subscription method for TPH magazines: The Theosophist and Adyar Newsletter. This should be made more widely known.

c.

A discussion was held on whether we should have unified versions of the following:

- Universal Prayer: whether to use 'he' or 'all' (may each who feels himself as one with thee ... or ... may all who feel themselves as one with thee).

- Christian prayer, which is used at the opening of the Convention, mentions 'Christ, the only Wise Counselor'. It does not sound very theosophical.

- Golden Stairs has two versions, one for the ES and one for other members to use.

No decision was made.

14. Strategic Planning

Richard Sell led us in developing Strategy and Goals, presenting what has been done and where we are at this stage.

Three Goals with 12 Objectives were discussed at length. The owners of the objectives will work out the action items, resources needed, and estimate the cost. Richard will send a revised Strategy Template to be filled by the end of August.

15. Next dates

The next meeting will be the GC meeting at Adyar on 30 December 2025. Strategic meeting will not take place on summer-25 because we will have the World Congress in July at Vancouver.

16. Closing of the meeting

The President appreciated and thanked everyone for the good meeting.

The meeting on 30th December lasted 6,5 hours, and on 5th Jan 6 hours.

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